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*This is a critical period. We have payroll this week and next week, we're going to have to dole out about \$3 million to pay the bond. This is a very unusual month.*

—Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos

## \$5.28M needed before month's end

» Admin scrambling to pay CUC, bonds, payroll

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REPORTER



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### LOCK-IN

In celebration of April as the Month of the Military Child, the Child Youth and School Services for the U.S. Army Reserve held a free "lock-in" at the Pacific Islands Club for about 40 children ages 8-14 last Saturday, April 17, from 10am-6pm. The lock-in provided snacks, lunch, and dinner scheduled in between multiple challenge activities such as relay races, mini-golf, tennis, kayaking, a rock climbing wall, windsurfing, beach volleyball, basketball, tug of war, arts and crafts activities, snorkeling, windsurfing, and more.

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## CUC installed over 4,000 water meters in 6 months

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has installed over 4,000 smart meters in the past six months, helping the utility

start recouping a portion of its losses.

CUC executive director Tony Muña said this is one of the major actions CUC has implemented since the federal stipu-

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## 1 of 29 lawmakers submits to voluntary pay cut

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Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota) has taken the lead among the 29 members of the 17th Legislature in submitting to an

immediate 12.5-percent

voluntary salary cut to help save the jobs of lower-paid government employees.

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» Another one to follow suit



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## Local

# GOP to endorse Babauta as delegate bet

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Juan N. Babauta will likely be endorsed as the official candidate for U.S. delegate of the CNMI Republican Party, with no one else submitting a letter of intent to the local GOP.

GOP president Dave Attao and first vice president Emi Palican said yesterday that the former governor will likely get the party's endorsement.

The GOP has set an April 16 deadline for the submission of letters of intent for the delegate position.

Palican said party officers will formalize their endorsement of Babauta at their next meeting.

The committee has set a \$10,000 fee as part of the requirements.

Attao and Palican said once all requirements are complied by Babauta, a formal endorsement by party officials will be made.

Babauta sent his letter of intent to the party last month. In a March meeting, majority of party members expressed support for Babauta's bid.

Besides Babauta, three others are already proclaimed candidates in the November election—incumbent Gregorio Kilili Sablan, an in-

dependent; Covenant Party's Joseph Camacho; and former lieutenant governor Jesus C. Borja of the Democratic Party.

Babauta was elected governor of the CNMI in November 2001. Before this, he was also a senator in the fifth and 6th legislature and was elected resident representative to the United States, a position he served for three four-year terms.

Attao, during the party's last meeting, expressed his intention to reorganize the local party to make sure that its candidate in the Novem-

ber election will have a good chance.

Attao earlier expressed confidence in Babauta's candidacy, believing that he will give a good fight for the GOP.

Attao admitted that there's a need for the leadership to "strengthen" policies and regulations to prevent members from jumping ship to other parties.

"The party has own set of bylaws; some of these are outdated policies. These have been hurting us...and we're going to strengthen that," he said.

The amendments to the party's bylaws are expected in the next scheduled meetings of members.



Babauta

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### Dive in Marianas Campaign 2010

Novice and first-time divers in the Northern Marianas are the target of the new **Dive in Marianas Campaign 2010** to be launched on May 1 in Japan by the **Marianas Visitors Authority**. The objective of the campaign is to entice more Japanese visitors—particularly divers—to the islands.

**Saipan-da** takes the lead in his first diving appearance on the campaign promotional brochures distributed earlier this month at Japan's Marine Diving Fair, and Japanese media are being contacted to advertise the campaign. Copies of the brochure are also being distributed to local dive shops for divers to available of free giveaways and contests,

The Anemone Fish Course gives novice divers a Diving Saipan-da original waterproof pouch. The Butterflyfish Course gives all open-water license holders an opportunity to win one of four roundtrip tickets to the Northern Marianas and two dive vouchers. The Green Turtle Course is open to divers who have logged at least three dives in the NMI and will award one lucky winner a SUNNTO Stinger dive computer.

Last month, 18 percent of all visitors from Japan planned to dive during their visit.



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# House committee begins series of 2011 budget hearings

## » Election Commission seeks more funding

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The House Ways and Means Committee began yesterday its Fiscal Year 2011 budget hearings, with the Commonwealth Election Commission the first agency to ask for additional funding. It faces a budget that is 47 percent or \$243,083 less than what it is proposing.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial proposed a budget of \$270,625 for the Election Commission in FY 2011, but the commission is asking for \$513,708.

CEC executive director Robert Guerrero, who testified before Ways and Means Committee members on Capital Hill yesterday morning, requested the Legislature for \$100,000 in special appropriations for the Nov. 2 delegate election.

He also asked the Fitial administration to reprogram \$160,000 to be "back on the black." This is because \$160,000 of the \$220,000 they spent during the November 2009 general and runoff elections was already taken from the FY 2010 appro-



Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert Guerrero, right, and administrative specialist Jermae Cabrera testify before the House Ways and Means Committee during the Fiscal Year 2011 budget hearings held yesterday at the House of Representatives' chamber on Capital Hill.  
HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

priation.

With the 2010 delegate election to be held in November, the commission expects to spend some \$100,000.

This does not yet include the expenses for the inclusion of legislative initiatives on the ballot.

To this date, there are already two initiatives to be placed on the ballot. But on Friday, the Senate passed three other legislative initiatives. The House also has some pending legislative initiatives.

Guerrero said the commission spends an additional \$15,000 to \$20,000 for each initiative included on the ballot. So if at least five initiatives are

placed on the ballot this year, the commission needs \$75,000 to \$100,000, in addition to the estimated \$100,000 needed for the delegate election.

"The 2011 budget doesn't come to play until Oct. 1st. Public education has to be done before then. That's what we're requesting for special appropriations. We're requesting special appropriations a little over \$100,000 short of those initiatives. The request that we did was before these [Senate] initiatives were brought [to our attention]," he said in an interview.

The commission looks to federal grants to cover for their expenditures, given that local

funds have dried up.

### Requests for more money

Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ramon S. Basa (Cov-Saipan) said they expect all other agencies to ask for more money.

The Election Commission is the first agency to testify before the Ways and Means Committee about its 2011 budget.

The committee has set a Thursday meeting with the Department of Commerce, and the Department of Public Works on Friday.

Basa said the committee is cognizant of the constitutional requirement to have a new bal-

anced budget passed by Oct. 1, or the government will shut down and lawmakers will have their salaries suspended.

"We expect to finish all agency budget hearings by the first week of May because we have to consider going to Rota and Tinian, too. It would be much cheaper if some of the committee members go there than have the directors come here," he said.

Fitial submitted a \$132 million budget for FY 2011, but this should include necessary cost-cutting measures and adjustments

that include a 10-hour work hour reduction per pay period, 14 unpaid legal holidays, a 25 percent cut in "all other" funds for non-essential services, and removal of all non-essential vacant and zero-funded positions.

The estimated gross budgetary resource for FY 2011 is \$149.371 million. Of this amount, \$132.565 million is available for appropriations.

This is \$4.765 million or 3.5 percent less than the FY 2010 mid-year revised resources estimate of some \$137.33 million.

The rest are for debt service or bond payments and other obligations, amounting to \$16.806 million.

## Ex-CEC board member gets six months probation in timecards conspiracy case

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Former Commonwealth Election Commission board member Jose L. Itibus pleaded "no contest" yesterday for his role in the cheating of the timecards of co-workers and was sentenced to six months probation.

The bench trial for Itibus, Antonio Sablan Benavente, and Edwin R. Olopai were set yesterday before Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo.

Itibus, who appeared with counsel Edward Manibusan, however, signed a plea agreement with the government.

The change of plea hearing for Benavente and Olopai is set for tomorrow, Wednesday.

Itibus, 55, pleaded no contest to the charge of conspiracy.

"No contest" refers to a defendant's plea that is substantially but not technically an admission of guilt.

Govendo accepted the plea and sentenced Itibus to six months in jail, all suspended.

Govendo placed Itibus on six months of probation and required him to pay a \$500 fine, plus court and probation fees. The judge also ordered him to perform 100 hours of community service.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Itibus, Benavente, and Olopai with conspiracy to commit theft by de-

ception. In addition, Benavente was charged with obstruction of justice.

According to the government, on or between January and April 2009, Itibus and Benavente con-

spired to punch in or punch out the timecards of co-workers who were not present or working or complete or sign timecards overstating and misrepresenting the hours worked.

Benavente and Olopai also committed the same offense between April and June 2009, according to the prosecution.

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# ESGR nat'l chair congratulates ARC for state award

By CLARISSA DAVID  
REPORTER

It was William Arthur Ward who said, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." American Red Cross Health & Safety coordinator Kennedy Benjamin made sure his appreciation for his employer came in a packaging far more impressive than a fancy gift wrapper.

Benjamin, who has worked with the American Red Cross NMI Chapter for four years, nominated the Chapter to the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve to acknowledge the invaluable support they have given him as a member of the U.S. Guard and Reserve.

The nomination resulted in the American Red Cross winning the State Pro Patria Award in the Northern Marianas.

Pro Patria, which means "For the Country" in Latin, is the highest award given to an employer in recognition of

its "exceptional support and patronage of our citizen-service members who continue to answer the call to serve and protect our islands and our nation."

James G. Rebholz, national chairman of the National Committee for ESGR, said they received a total of 2,800 nominations from Guard and Reserve members all over the world. These nominations were narrowed down to 131 semifinalists, including American Red Cross NMI Chapter.

Another recipient of the State Pro Patria Award is the Unified Courts of Guam.

ARC CNMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh was not aware of the nomination and was surprised when he learned about what Benjamin did. "He [Benjamin] told me about the nomination and only showed me what he had done after everything."

Hirsh believes that this is Benjamin's way of saying thank you to ARC. "A lot of soldiers keep it quiet, [they] never talk about how they feel. But for

him to have written that [nomination], I'm stunned... This goes to show how all of our kindness impacts people," he added.

Rebholz was on Saipan yesterday, along with ESGR state chair retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino. Both underscored the significant role employers play in the lives of Guard and Reserve members.

"They take care of the soldiers' families, they communicate with them," Rebholz said.

Rebholz and Paulino flew to Saipan to congratulate and laud Hirsh and the American Red Cross NMI Chapter for being the first employer in the Marianas to be nominated for and win the prestigious award. The award makes ARC eligible for the Pro Patria Award at the national level. The winner will be announced toward the end of summer.

"What [Hirsh] has done, what they have achieved, already makes them a winner. Almost like a David and Goliath feat," Rebholz added.



CLARISSA DAVID

John Hirsh, executive director of the American Red Cross NMI Chapter, holds the State Pro Patria Award presented to him by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. With him are James G. Rebholz, national chairman of the National Committee for ESGR, and retired US Army Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino.

## CUC

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lated orders were issued to the utility. Prior to the installation of the smart meters, CUC was losing about half of the water it produces due to failed meters.

Muña also belied rumors that CUC hasn't made any use of the smart meters and that they are just being stored somewhere.

CUC also did an inventory of its water pumps and addressed situations like having 17 water wells being down at one time, he said.

He also pointed out that the once deficient chlorine supply is now consistent and reliable in the last six months.

The executive director claimed that CUC has also been quick to replace collapsing sewer lines and has secured a \$500,000 CIP funding to pay for these contingencies.

To ensure that progress will continue in water and wastewater operations, Muña said division personnel are being trained so they will attain certified operator qualifications. A couple of employees, he said, have already been

certified.

Muña said CUC is stepping up to the plate to meet all its operational challenges. In particular, he said CUC has implemented improvements in its current wastewater system.

"Contracts have been awarded for Tank 104 used oil disposal, construction of secondary containment, major repairs to the Sadog Tasi Wastewater treatment plant, and major repairs to the Agingan wastewater treatment plant," he said.

He said that CUC also bought wastewater lift-station pumps to ensure redundancy at the lift stations.

"These actions and achievements—and these are not the whole of it—reflect CUC's sincere desire to comply with the stipulated orders, the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, but more importantly to ensure that water we deliver to our customers' taps is clean, wastewater generated is collected and treated accordingly, and used oil is disposed without harm to the environment," Muña said.

He assured that CUC is on track to achieve compliance with the stipulated orders and that it intends to comply

with all the requirements.

"The timeline projected to achieve full cost recovery and the delivery of superior operational service [to include compliance] was projected to be 24 to 36 months. CUC has only entered the 13<sup>th</sup> month since the court approval of the stipulated orders," Muña said.

"CUC is participating in monthly meetings with EPA officials and follow up conferences to shed light on the challenges CUC has faced, communicate progress that CUC is making, and address concerns to avoid misunderstanding. CUC's efforts in organizing these meetings additionally show CUC's good faith," added Muna.

As part of efforts to achieve full cost recovery, CUC is proposing a significant increase in both its water and sewer rates. The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission is set to discuss the proposal at its next hearing.

"CUC has currently petitioned the CPUC to bring water and wastewater rates to a level which will finally achieve full cost recovery, which includes funding of stipulated order requirements," Muña said.

Once approved, the new rates will take effect in May.

"They need about \$2 million to get the new deliveries," Inos added.

He said this again boils down to available funding.

"We're analyzing what available cash we have because this is a critical period. We have payroll this week and next week, we're going to have to dole out about \$3 million to pay the bond. This is a very unusual month," the lieutenant governor said in a brief interview right after meeting with Finance Secretary Robert Schrack and CUC officials.

### Bill now back to the House

The government is projecting \$137 million in revenue for the rest of Fiscal Year 2010. However, government expenditures are expected to exceed \$150 million, thus the need for immediate austerity measures.

The Fitial administration expressed disappointment over the Senate's rejection on Friday of the proposed work hour cuts to cut government spending for the rest of FY 2010.

The Senate instead offered a substitute bill implementing three unpaid legal holidays before the end of FY

2010, and calls for increases in taxes and fees.

Yesterday morning, Senate Clerk Dolores Bermudes transmitted to House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) a copy of the Senate-amended House Bill 17-45, HD6.

Rep. Ramon S. Basa (Cov-Saipan), in an interview yesterday, said the House may hold a special session this week to tackle the Senate-amended bill, which he introduced.

The speaker had said he would like the Senate version of the bill killed.

Basa said the Senate took out the centerpiece of his bill, which is work hour cuts, but still retained his name.

As chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, he said he would want to work with the Senate to address the government's financial crisis.

"The leaderships of the House and Senate must put their differences aside and take care of the more pressing issues. We are all here for one purpose, and that's to work for the people," he said, referring to a word war between Tenorio and Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan).

## PAY CUT

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"I expect my colleagues to also do the same," Santos, a freshman lawmaker, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Of the 29 members of the Legislature, 20 are at the House of Representatives and nine at the Senate.

Another lawmaker, House Ways and Means Committee chair Ramon S. Basa (Cov-Saipan), said he will also volunteer to a pay cut.

"I am following suit. What Rep. Santos has done is noble... I have a deep-seated belief that as leaders, we should lead by example," Basa said in an interview in his office yesterday.

Santos wrote to Finance Secretary Robert Schrack yesterday, submitting her "approval and request for a reduction of 12.5 percent from my government payroll every pay period effective immediately."

She said she submits to a voluntary pay cut given the current economic situation's impact on the government's capacity to sustain itself and the possibility of government layoff.

The voluntary pay cut means that Santos's \$39,300 mandated annual salary will be cut by \$4,912.50. With 26 pay periods a year, Santos will only be getting some \$1,322 per pay period instead of some \$1,511.

"It is my sincere hope that by the legislator's voluntarily reduction of its pay, government jobs will be saved," Santos told Schrack.

When austerity measures were implemented in 2006, only five of 27 lawmakers at the time volunteered to cut their salaries by 10 percent.

Each lawmaker receives a salary of \$39,300 a year. They also receive over \$100,000 for office operations, and leadership members get extra funds for their respective legislative committees. In addition, senators are entitled to a subsistence allowance of up to \$5,000, which they reduced early this year to \$4,200.

A 12.5 percent voluntary reduction in Santos' salary is equivalent to 10 hours every pay period, which will be the hours cut from Executive Branch contract or excepted service employees starting next month.

"It is unfair that only we at the Executive Branch are affected by work hour cuts," one of the employees at the Office of the Governor said yesterday. Just like hundreds of other contract employees, she already received a notice of work hour cuts last week, and this will take effect 30 days after receipt of the notice.

Employees at the Legislature and the Judiciary are not affected by these work hour cuts.

Santos's voluntary pay cut came after the Senate rejected on Friday a House proposal to reduce government work hours from 80 to 70 per pay period.

The Senate instead passed a substitute bill raising taxes and fees, and implements three unpaid legal holidays for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010 in lieu of government work hour cuts. The Fitial administration expressed disappointment with the defeat of the centerpiece of the austerity bill—work hour cuts to help cut costs.

The Constitution also exempts the governor, lieutenant governor, lawmakers, judges and justices from salary reductions.

But Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has since voluntarily cut his salary when austerity measures were implemented in 2006. The governor continues to voluntarily reduce his salary. Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos followed suit.

On Friday, the Senate passed three separate legislative initiatives seeking to amend the Constitution to lift the salary cut exemptions for the governor, the lieutenant governor, lawmakers, judges and justices when austerity holidays or other reduced work hour legislation are applied to government workers.

Senate Legislative Initiatives 17-5, 17-6, and 17-7, introduced by Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota), passed on a 9-0 vote each. The initiatives have yet to be ratified by voters.

Fitial revised the projected revenue to \$137 million for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010 and reduced by 7.25 percent the budget authority for agencies.

However, more cost-cutting measures are needed because, while the administration said it can collect \$137 million, its spending trends show that government expenditures will exceed \$150 million.

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## \$5.28M

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This is on top of the estimated \$280,000 needed for this Friday's government payroll and some \$3 million in bond payments this month.

As of yesterday, the Fitial administration has yet to determine the latest government revenue to cover for the next few payrolls, especially because the Senate rejected a proposal to cut government work hours from 80 to 70 per pay period to trim down costs.

Inos said the administration wants to avert payless paydays but this would depend on cash availability.

After a two-hour meeting with CUC executive director Tony Muña on Capitol Hill yesterday, Inos said the utilities agency is "facing some real challenges," including the need to buy fuel.

He said CUC asked the administration to pay its utility bills just like any other CUC customers billed for their power and water usage, so that CUC could buy fuel that could last for at least 30 days.



# Suspected illegal drugs supplier yields gun, bullets, pot

## Suspect in CK pawnshop armed robbery gets 7 years

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One of the three suspects in the daylight armed robbery at a pawnshop in Chalan Kanoa entered a guilty plea yesterday and was sentenced to seven years in prison.

Marlon Martin signed a plea agreement and pleaded guilty to armed robbery. Superior Court associate judge David Wiseman accepted Martin's plea and sentenced him to 14 years in prison, all suspended except for seven years.

Wiseman said Martin will not be eligible for parole.

The judge said the seven-year prison term is concurrent with a five-year sentence arising from Martin's violation of probation. Martin is currently on probation in connection with a 2008 criminal case.

Martin was also ordered to pay fines, probation fees, and restitution and required to perform 100 hours of community service.

The government charged Martin with two counts of aggravated assault and battery, two counts of assault and battery, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, one count of armed robbery, one count of theft, one count of contempt, two counts of attempted murder, one count of conspiracy to commit robbery, and one count of conspiracy to commit theft.

Martin, together with Zhou Fan Zhang and Fernando

Quitano, robbed 24 Hours Pawn Shop, formerly called the Pink House Pawnshop, on Oct. 23, 2009. They were armed with a machete, sledgehammer and a crow bar.

The police report states that Martin hit the cashier's booth's door with a sledgehammer, then Quitano joined in by smashing the door with a crowbar. The two then allegedly attacked cashier Juvenio Martin and owner Ju Sang So. The two were hurt in the incident.

Martin was later arrested when witnesses and one of the victims chased him.

Quitano was not arrested that day because he got into a getaway vehicle that was parked across the U.S. Post Office in Chalan Kanoa. Zhang was the alleged driver of the car that dropped off Martin and Quitano near the 24-Hours Pawnshop.

Zhang then parked the car across the U.S. Postal Office. The robbers reportedly stole about \$6,000 cash, but police recovered only \$834.10.

Wiseman dismissed without prejudice the case against Zhou, at the recommendation of assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher, in order for the U.S. government take the case and file it before the federal court.

The case against Quitano remains pending in court. Gallagher said the case against Quitano may also be filed in federal court as it involved a gun.

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Police arrested Friday night in Kagman 3 a suspected supplier of illegal drugs who was allegedly found in possession of a gun and ammunitions.

Eric Lizama Palacios, 32, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, illegal possession of a firearm, and illegal possession of ammunition.

At yesterday's hearing, Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo imposed a \$20,000 cash bail for Palacios' temporary liberty. Govendo set the preliminary hearing for April 28 at 9am.

Detective Sean White stated in his report that he received a

call from a concerned citizen on April 5 that Palacios is selling "ice." White said the informer also disclosed that Palacios has three marijuana plants in an unfinished portion of his house in Kagman 3.

The following day, members of the CNMI Customs and the Department of Public Safety's Drug Enforcement Task Force visited Palacios' residence and spoke with him about information that he is selling "ice."

White said one of the detectives spotted a marijuana joint on the plastic picnic table at the entrance of the

house. One detective also noticed marijuana plants outside the house.

White said Palacios admitted that he was growing marijuana and was willing to give them to the detectives. Palacios then showed authorities the location of the marijuana plants.

White said detective Roque Camacho later noticed on a shelf a chest harness (strapping system), normally used by law enforcement officers.

Upon a closer observation of the chest harness, Camacho saw a pair of handcuffs, pepper spray with a belt

holder, flashlight with pouch, and a knife, all strapped to the harness. Camacho picked up the harness and felt the handle of a pistol.

Palacios told the detective that there's a revolver in it, along with the ammunition.

A Smith & Wesson .38 special revolver, a speed loader, and approximately 23 .38 caliber bullets were recovered.

During a search of the house, about five marijuana plants were recovered in the unfinished portion of the house.

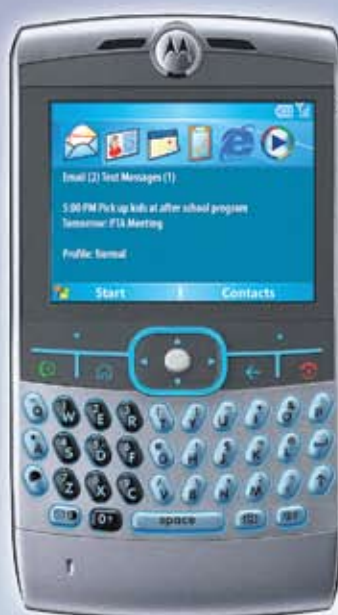
White said a shoe box containing marijuana leaves, wrapped marijuana branches, an ashtray with a weed pipe and leaves in it, and a smoked marijuana joint were also seized.



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# Dandan residents also want poker arcades removed

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REPORTER

The Zoning Board met with residents at Dandan Elementary School last Thursday to seek feedback about the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law and majority of residents mirrored similar concerns as Kagman residents regarding poker parlors in the village.

Many of those present wanted poker parlors to be removed from the village because the arcades reportedly enable drug use, drug trafficking, and violence. Residents expressed disapproval of one poker room in particular, located near a local bus stop. They believe the establishment poses a bad influ-

ence on the youth in the area.

In addition to the unpopularity of poker establishments, Dandan residents also complained that local stores were neglecting to clean up the trash on their properties, hurting the image and appearance of the village.

Residents insisted that trash bins be present and covered to prevent trash from being blown in the wind and from animals that rummage through the garbage. Residents also want animals/pets to be prohibited from the inside of stores for sanitation purposes. Moreover, the villagers voiced the need for paved parking lots, with designated parking spaces, at local storefronts.

Other issues pertained to un-

wanted auto shops in the area.

Residents claimed that there were three auto shops on the main road leading to the airport, with no signage, whose noise causes frequent disturbances at all hours of the day and night; seven days a week. Other complaints included improper auto painting procedures performed by the auto shops. According to residents, the auto shops are neglecting the upkeep and appearance of their properties as well.

Residents recommended to the board to create a list of frequently asked questions to help people more easily understand the purposes of the new zoning rules.

Residents also requested for

future village meetings featuring other government agencies. The Zoning board expressed that they would be making efforts in the future to better coordinate with the other agencies.

Residents inquired about how enforcement of the new zoning rules would take place. They insisted for enforcement of the new zoning rules to ensue immediately.

"We understand the concerns and are currently in the process of hiring one Zoning Enforcement Officer," said acting administrator Therese Ogu-moro. She added that Zoning board members also possess enforcement authority.

Some residents objected that Tinian and Rota are not included in the Saipan zoning criterion, to which the Zoning board replied that the exemption is beyond their jurisdiction.

"You'll have to take that one

to the Legislature," said Ogu-moro.

The deadline to submit feedback to the Zoning board is April 30, 2010.

The board review should be executed and new updates should be installed for the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law in about two to three months, according to the Zoning board.

The next village meeting will be in San Roque at San Roque Elementary School today, April 20, at 6pm.

## PSS posts slight increase in HQT rate

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REPORTER

The number of highly qualified teachers in the CNMI Public School System increased by 2 percentage points—from 71 percent in the latter part of 2009 to 73 percent as of yesterday, April 19.

According to PSS, of its 568 classroom teachers, a total of 412 are now deemed highly qualified after complying with all requirements set by the Board of Education: possession of a degree and a teaching certificate, and passing the Praxis tests.

The remaining 27 percent of non-HQTs translate to 156 teachers who are in the process of completing all the requirements, said acting PSS Human Resource director Coreeen C. Palacios.

PSS' record had been stuck at 71 percent since the latter part

of 2009 due to the departure of some highly qualified teachers.

The U.S. Department of Education has given the CNMI until July 2011 to fully comply with the highly qualified personnel mandate of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Palacios said the same deadline applies for all PSS' school counselors and administrators to become highly qualified by the time.

Saipan Tribune learned that the last Praxis tests administered locally was on March 13 and test schedules will continue in June, July, and September.

Palacios is confident the remaining 156 non-HQTs will pass the federal requirements before the 2011 deadline.

"We really want to increase the number of our HQTs and we have high hopes that they can all make it before the deadline," she said.

Meanwhile, PSS records indicate that as of yesterday 62 percent of its counselors—13 personnel—are now classified as highly qualified.

PSS has a total of 21 counselors and eight of them have yet to comply with the standards.

PSS has nearly 11,000 students in 20 campuses on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

PSS earlier admitted that it lacks counselors to guide all its enrollees.

The American School Counselors Association recommends an ideal ratio of 250 students for every school counselor. However, the association admitted that though this was the recommendation, many states and territories have a larger ratio.

PSS aims to have one school counselor for every 300 students. This goal has yet to be accomplished due to lack of qualified individuals for the position.



WALTER SUTHERLAND

The Zoning board held a village meeting at Dandan Elementary School last Thursday to seek feedback about how the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law is working.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Office of the Secretary of Public Works  
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai  
Saipan, MP 96950



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DPW 10-RFP-010

#### DESIGN BUILD OF SOLAR AND WIND POWERED SYSTEM AT THE ENERGY OFFICE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through Secretary of Public Works, are soliciting sealed proposals for the Design Build of Solar and Wind Powered System at the Energy Office, Capitol Hill on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. However, Article 7, "Local Business", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available because its use is prohibited by the Federal Law granting the funding for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 4-102 of the Procurement Regulations.

Any corporation or partnership "firm" must have or obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Board of Professional Licensing (CNMI BOPL). Individuals and/or sole proprietors are required to possess a valid professional license issued by the CNMI BOPL.

The Scope of Work will be available on or after April 20, 2010 at the DPW, Energy Office, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Energy Office, Capitol Hill on April 30, 2010. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Joseph M. Inos Jr., Director, Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time May 14, 2010.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (resumes and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor or another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and Background of the Company- 40%;
2. Past experience of the contractor on design builds projects and successfully completions- 15%;
3. Capability and ability to perform the work and completed within the time frame- 10%; and
4. Costs- 35%

Proposals must be sealed and marked "DPW10-RFP-010". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, May 19, 2010. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, May 19, 2010 and may be transmitted via Facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, May 19, 2010 and must be received no later than May 28, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per working days for delays beyond the established completion date.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made, therefore, negotiation shall be conducted with the highest qualified firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. The successful proposers will be subject to a responsibility determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

This project is funded in Whole from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 through the U.S. Department of Energy. The Contractor shall ensure all ARRA requirements are met in a timely manner.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the Government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

/s/ SIXTO IGISOMOR  
Acting Secretary of Commerce

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN  
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ THELMA B INOS  
Director, Energy Division

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, Procurement & Supply

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS ZONING BOARD TO HOST VILLAGE MEETINGS

The Zoning Board and Office will hold a round of village meetings to seek comments about how the current zoning law is working, and will update and revise the current zoning law with the goal of addressing the issues and concerns expressed by the community, private sector and the legislature. The public consultation and information campaign over the next two months will continue in order to obtain feedback required to update the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law. Meeting dates and locations which have been confirmed are:

**Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 6:00 PM**  
**San Roque Village**  
**@ GTC Elementary School Cafeteria**

The Board encourages anyone with suggestions that might improve the language of the law, or changes to the zone boundaries to attend. Comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the meeting. Written suggestions may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30 pm, April 30, 2010 or they may be submitted via e-mail to [staff@zoning.gov.mp](mailto:staff@zoning.gov.mp), via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

Anyone with questions about the meetings may contact the Zoning Office by phone at 234-9661 or by e-mail at [staff@zoning.gov.mp](mailto:staff@zoning.gov.mp).

/s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Chairperson



# Senate bill wants more agencies, officials exempted from govt shutdown

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Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) has pre-filed a bill that will exempt additional agencies and officials from shutdowns if and when the government fails to pass a new balanced budget before the start of the new fiscal year on Oct. 1.

A recent constitutional amendment removes the so-called continuing resolution budget provision and mandates the passage of a balanced budget every year.

It requires the shutdown of government offices except for the provision of services essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the CNMI without a new budget.

The constitutional amendment also calls for the suspen-

sion of lawmakers' salaries if they fail to pass a budget by the start of the new fiscal year.

Taimanao's Senate Bill 17-26, pre-filed on April 15, seeks to exempt additional agencies and officials from the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government.

They include all programs and employees of the CNMI government that are 100 percent federally funded.

Under the Office of the Governor, those that are allowed to report to work and receive their regular salary during government shutdowns are the governor, the lieutenant governor, the special assistant for management and budget, one legal counsel, and one administrative staff member.

At the Emergency Management Office, all personnel are exempted.

At the Department of Public Health, physicians, nurses and other health care providers, as well as Community Guidance Center employees, are exempted.

Also exempted are all non-administrative personnel at the Departments of Public Safety and Corrections.

At the Department of Finance, only the secretary, one fiscal analyst and one administrative staff member are supposed to report to work.

The attorney general, an assistant attorney general assigned to the criminal division and one other attorney general are also covered by the exemption, along with the public defender and one assistant public defender.

At the Public School System, exempted will be the education commissioner, principals and vice principals, classroom

teachers, and support staff at facilities where students are in attendance.

In the Judiciary, the following are exempted: Supreme Court justices, Superior Court judges, the chief probation officer and one assistant proba-

tion officer, one clerk of court each for the Supreme Court and Superior Court, and two security personnel.

In the Legislature, only those personnel required for the enactment of a balanced budget act are exempted.

Commonwealth Election Commission personnel are also exempted, provided that all or a part of the period in which the provisions of the bill are in effect is less than three months before a general, special or runoff election.

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATION:

### Hundreds of books, collections shared with families

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REPORTER

Hundreds of families and spectators jammed the Joeten Kiyu Public Library last Saturday to participate in the culminating activity for National Library Week, which saw donated library materials being sold for giveaway prices, from just 10 cents for a magazine and a quarter for a paperback, to 50 cents for hardback materials.

NMI celebrated National Library Week from April 11 to 17.

Saturday's event, which served as the final festivity for the occasion, also recognized the support of groups and private companies.

According to executive director John O. Gonzales, the library's list of benefactors has grown from just six in the past to the present total of 13, most

of whom contributed their educational tax credit to the library.

To date, over \$30,000 has been collected from these donors, he said.

Library Council chair Joe Limes said these donations are a "win-win investment" as they help fulfill the goal of improving and promoting effective library services for the Commonwealth. The money is also used to expand the library's collections of books and multimedia, opening new worlds of learning for children.

The celebration also featured a mini-carnival that had games such as balloon dart, shoot for hoops, identifying computer parts, and trivia and memory match games.

A passport card was distributed among children where they have to visit all the exhibits to win a prize.

According to Erlinda Naputi, acting librarian, this is the first year for the CNMI to join the National Library Week celebration and she estimates that over 200 donated books, DVDs, CDs, and other materials were gathered for the sale.

The occasion also saw various exhibits from the Division of Environmental Quality, NMC-CREES, Division of Youth Services, Diabetes Prevention Control Program, Homeland Security, Coastal Resource Management, Chacha Oceanview Book Lovers Club, and Ayuda Network Inc.

At the same occasion, the library received a \$5,000 donation from Pacific Islands Club for the procurement of materials for its bookmobile.

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### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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# Revived AGs' Cup has nine competitors

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REPORTER

Nine students from various public and private high schools will compete in this year's Attorney Generals' Cup.

Contenders will come from Grace Christian Academy, Kagman High School, Ladera International School, Marianas Baptist Academy, Mount Carmel High School, Northern Marianas Academy, Rota High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Tinian High School.

The Attorney Generals' Cup is scheduled for April 30 at the Guma Hustisia.

Attorney General Edward

Buckingham announced yesterday the return of the competition, which will be marking its 26th year.

The agency stopped the competition last year because of lack of funds.

With the contest's revival this year, Buckingham renamed the event from Attorney General's Cup into the Attorney Generals' Cup, in honor of all the attorney generals who have served the Commonwealth. He invited past and present AGs to judge the competition.

The revived program will be using a different approach, with more focus on content than speech delivery.

Buckingham said this year's question will center on the following: "The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands was formed in 1978. Since that time there have been both successes and failures. Successes can and should be celebrated but we often learn more from failure. What went wrong, what have we learned, and how do we do better next time?"

In addition, competitors will tackle the following queries: "Identify one or more policy failures arising in the Commonwealth since 1978. What should we learn from this failure(s)? How do we apply this knowledge to a more successful future for the Commonwealth?"

Each competitor will also be allotted 15 minutes to respond.

Buckingham says the OAG and an advisory committee came up with the question to ensure that competitors are not just judged on the basis of how well they deliver a speech; content is equally important and no two answers are expected to be the same this year.

"The question's focus is on a reality of life—some things

we attempt do not succeed. But the challenge of life is not to fear failure but to learn from it, grow stronger and succeed next time. To fear failure is to avoid acting. If you do not try, you can never succeed. This year's question challenges us to think about failure as learning tools and how we apply that knowledge to a more successful future," Buckingham said in a statement yesterday.

The competition is supported by the CNMI Bar Association, the courts led by Justice Alexandro C. Castro, and Frieda Demapan who led an advisory committee to

make this year's program possible. Other sponsors are Aqua Resort Club, Bridge Capital, Budget Rent-A-Car, Hyatt Regency, Islander Rent-A-Car, Joteten Enterprises, McDonald's, National Office Supply, Palms Resort Hotel, Ray Quichcho, Esq., Saipan Grand Hotel, Saipan Sanko, Saipan Shipping Co., and Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

For more information on the upcoming AG Cup, contact Frieda Demapan at 664-2364 or by e-mail at [friedademapan@yahoo.com](mailto:friedademapan@yahoo.com).



Buckingham

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

April 20, 1999

### Garment makers to leave if takeover succeeds

Major garment manufacturers yesterday sought to disprove allegations leveled by federal government against the sector in a meeting with Edward B. Cohen, President Clinton's special representative to bilateral talks aimed to mend differences between Washington and CNMI. Members of Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association, which groups the island's largest factories, presented their position on a White House proposal that will strip local authority over its immigration and minimum wage laws. The closed-door meeting was the first in a series of discussion with representatives of the local private sector on the sideline of the four-day consultation talks provided under Section 902 of the Covenant that only resumed yesterday following the last talks in 1992.

### CUC sets hearing on water project

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation sets out to revive a proposed water desalination plant saddled with financing problem when it attempts again to ask residents of central Saipan whether they are willing to shoulder the costs of the \$100 million project. A public hearing is scheduled today at 7 p.m. at the Carolinian Utt in which CUC officials are hoping to sway residents of Garapan, China Town and Gualo Rai to agree on a proposed rate hike on their monthly water bills. The three villages are perennially hit with acute water shortages and the desalination facility may be the only hope for residents frustrated over rapidly drying wells to have steady supply everyday, according to utility officials.

April 20, 2000

### CNMI bans cyanide fishing

The Northern Marianas government has banned the use of cyanide in harvesting fish and other marine resources in its waters after Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio signed a landmark law declaring the practice a criminal offense. Under Public Law 11-112, cyanide fishing carries jail sentence of up to three years, a fine of not less than \$10,000 or both, for every violation. The Division of Fish and Wildlife is tasked to enforce the ban. Mr. Tenorio urged lawmakers to widen the ban to include other chemicals and methods used by fishermen in exploiting the island's rich fish stock and other marine life.

### Fate of new power project still uncertain

Despite a meeting yesterday between the governor, lawmakers and officials of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, the fate of the controversial Saipan power project remains uncertain. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, who has kept his hands off the disputes surrounding its procurement, said he was at the meeting to listen some of the concerns raised by members of the Legislature regarding CUC's handling of the project. "It's been my position that the board will seriously look into the needs for utilities in the future because we don't want to wait here where we are left with no choice and having power outage," he told reporters after the meeting.

April 20, 2003

### Sewage overflows alarm DEQ

The Division of Environmental Quality has issued a stern warning to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. due to the frequent overflow of sewage from manholes, particularly along Chalan Monsignor Guerrero. In a second notice of violation against the utility firm, DEQ director John I. Castro Jr. said overflowing sewage was observed to be streaming into the drainage system that leads to the "waters of the CNMI or wetland area." Castro said DEQ has received numerous complaints from the public about the frequent occurrence. The regulatory agency threatened to fine the CUC of not more than \$25,000 per day if the latter does not comply with the notice that specified what corrective actions should be done.

### DPH urges insurance firms: Tie up with Manila hospitals

Indicating its lack of capability at this time to guarantee the payment of CNMI referral patients in Manila, the Department of Public Health has asked insurance companies, including the Group Health and Life Insurance program, to establish relationships with Manila-based hospitals. "In order for us to start doing business with Asian Hospital, it's best for insurance agencies—even GHLI—to have a relationship-like agreement. Otherwise, patients will be charged the full amount when they go there," said DPH Secretary James U. Hofschneider.

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/s/ MICHAEL ADA  
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

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/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
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/s/ PATRICK J. TENORIO  
Special Assistant for Homeland Security

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, P&S

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

Program Year	Activity No.	Activity Type	Activity Name	Activity Status	Amount from program	Reprogram to
2007	389	Public Facilities	Rehabilitation of Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School	New	\$800,000	
2007	390	Public Facilities	Northern Marianas Islands Football Association Soccer Facility	New		\$800,000
<b>Total</b>					\$800,000	\$800,000

**Note:** The Rehabilitation of the Gregorio T. Camacho (GTC) Elementary School has been fully funded and completed using Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Funds. For details of the completed project, please contact Ms. Vicky Villagomez, CIP Office, at 664-2406.

The public is invited to provide written and oral comments on the proposed reprogramming. Written comments will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m., May 7, 2010, at the main office in Garapan, Post Office Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950. Oral comments may be relayed to Jeannie P. Mafnas at telephone number (670) 234-7670, 6866, 7689, or 9447. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to submit comments may also contact Jeannie P. Mafnas at the telephone numbers above for assistance.

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial  
Governor, CNMI

## Can you identify?

THE NMI Council for the Humanities, in collaboration with the Saipan Tribune, is running a series of photographs in this section every Tuesday and is inviting the public to identify the persons or places featured in this section.

If you can identify the persons or places in the picture, please contact the NMI Council for the Humanities by telephone (235-4785), via email ([photo@nmihumanities.org](mailto:photo@nmihumanities.org)) or by visiting the Council's office located in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai. These images are from the Council's Historic Photograph Database which is currently being developed to help document the history and cultures of the CNMI.



Last week's photo was identified as former Tinian Mayor Jose R. Dela Cruz. Identified by Manny Manahane, Roman Reyes, Cindy Reyes, Joseph Mendiola, Ben Manalo, Jesus Mendiola, Ramon Camacho, Lorazon Cepeda, Dee Cepeda, Canice Taitano, Ana Sakisat, Chong Torres, Felix Sablan Flawau, Gonzalo DLG Pangelinan, Eufemia Cruz, L.J. Castro, Tony A. Benavente, Rick Torres, Lela Olopai, David Igitol, Tony Salas, Jesus Deleon Guerrero, Oscar Quitigua, Nick Leon Guerrero, Edward M. San Nicolas, Remedios Dela Cruz Cangco, Tony LG Reyes, Gus Oosalua, Lawrence Fleming, Vicky Concepcion, Henrietta Cruz, Antonio C. Leon Guerrero, Dolores Manibusan, and Ricardo P. Castro.



## Cheating accusation leads to domestic spat

An accusation of cheating led to a domestic spat at a couple's house in Kolville on Friday night.

Haque Ziaul, 41, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace.

A \$10,000 cash bail was initially imposed for Ziaul's temporary liberty. A bail hearing was set yesterday afternoon.

Detective Roque K. Camacho stated in his report that the wife called police on Friday night to report a domestic case at her residence.

According to the victim, Camacho said, she was at home at 11am when Ziaul arrived and accused her of having an affair. She told Ziaul to leave.

At 6:30pm, Ziaul returned home drunk. He accused her again of having an affair, allegedly threw a plate at her and threatened to beat her up. He kicked the door thrice and left on his car.

Police later spotted Ziaul at Afetna building in San Antonio where he was arrested. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

# Fewer volunteers sign up for Islandwide Cleanup project

By CLARISSA DAVID  
REPORTER

There will be fewer volunteers participating in this year's edition of the Division of Environmental Quality's Islandwide Cleanup project, scheduled on April 23-24, 2010.

From more than 40 groups and over 4,000 volunteers last year, only 36 groups and about 900 volunteers have signed up so far to participate in the project.

Despite this, all areas in the cleanup project will still be covered, assured Chris Tomokane, co-chair of the Islandwide Cleanup Committee.

"It only means that there are more work for less people," Tomokane said in an interview after the official presentation of the DoCoMo map of the islandwide cleanup project.

Laurie Peterka, volunteer



CLARISSA DAVID

Staff and volunteers of Division and Environmental Quality pose for a photo after the presentation of the DoCoMo map at the DEQ office.

PR coordinator for Beautify CNMI, added that being short-staffed of coordinators was also a factor. "Angelo

[Villagomez] used to be in charge of volunteer coordination as well as public relations. When he left, I took

charge of the PR but nobody really took over as volunteer coordinator," she said.

Peterka said they initially

anticipated that they would beat last year's figures. Still, both Peterka and Tomokane are hopeful that more volunteers would sign up in the next few days. "Some wait until the last minute before they sign up," Tomokane added.

The volunteers for the Islandwide Cleanup Project get to choose which areas they will adopt. The cleanup culminates this month's observance of the Environmental Awareness Month by DEQ.

Other activities lined up for the celebration were the Lagoon Cleanup last April 17; islandwide recycling competition and the recycle wear fashion show; the scuba cleanup together with the dive association; film showing at the American Memorial Park; and the elementary schools' expo on April 21-22, also at the American Memorial Park.



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Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby give notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids for the **Construction of the Saipan Leadership Memorial Kios Ku Project, Phase I**, in Chalan Kanoa Village District No. 2 in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package consisting of Scope of Work, Technical Specifications, Plans and Bid Documents will be available on or after Thursday, April 15, 2010, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" as amended by Public Law 15-95 and further amended by Public Law 15-118, **is not available** to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

Bidders are also advised that this project is subject to compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act. All wage rates for laborers, mechanics and all other employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid the current minimum wage or the wage determination for the Commonwealth as specified in CM20100001 for the Mariana Islands.

A **pre-bid conference** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2010**, at the proposed project site in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, across the U.S. Post Office, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed Bids must be marked **"NMHC IFB2010-R-001"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, Tuesday, May 4, 2010**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, May 4, 2010 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than May 4, 2010 AND must be received by Procurement and Supply no later than May 13, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, May 14, 2010. However, if no Notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, the bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m., local time, May 4, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Saipan Leadership Memorial Kios Ku Project, Phase I". Surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the NMIAC §70.30.3.301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment Bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000. Pursuant to Governor's Directive 251 dated March 15, 2006, bidders are required to include a Clearance from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner with respect to the financial bonding capability of the bidders' chosen Surety. In addition, the contractor will be required to deliver a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments or other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is ninety (90) calendar days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for the delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00) per calendar day.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant, American Recovery and Reinvestment (CDBG-R) funding provided to the Commonwealth that mandates **ALL MATERIALS PURCHASED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE BUILDING/WORK MUST BE MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

This project which goal is to provide economic stimulus as well as jobs creation is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires recipients of HUD funds and the contractors to help insure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents and the businesses that serve them "to the maximum extent feasible."

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The Government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of NMHC, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of the Government.

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## INVITATION FOR BID

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Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby give notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids for the **Installation of the Holding Tank for the Blue Grotto**, in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package consisting of Scope of Work, Technical Specifications, Plans and Bid Documents will be available on or after Friday, April 16, 2010, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of Twenty-Five (\$25.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

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### EDITORIAL

## China's currency adjustment will help U.S. companies gain competitive edge

China recently announced it will strengthen its currency and allow it to move more freely against the American dollar, something the United States has been pressuring it to do for years to decrease trade imbalances. While it might be hard on consumers at first, a currency change could offer American companies the opportunity to gain a competitive edge.

An adjustment of exchange rates recognizes China's phenomenal growth in the last 20 years. Even in the recession, China's economy has fared much better than the West's. In the last year, it has experienced a 46 percent increase in exports and a 45 percent increase in imports.

Now, China faces rapidly increasing inflation. Strengthening the renminbi, the Chinese currency, can help fix that. A stronger currency will contribute to lower prices by decreasing the cost of imports and should allow the central bank to raise interest rates.

As U.S. imports become cheaper for the Chinese, their goods will become more expensive for Americans. This will allow American producers to be more competitive, but will make goods more expensive for U.S. consumers.

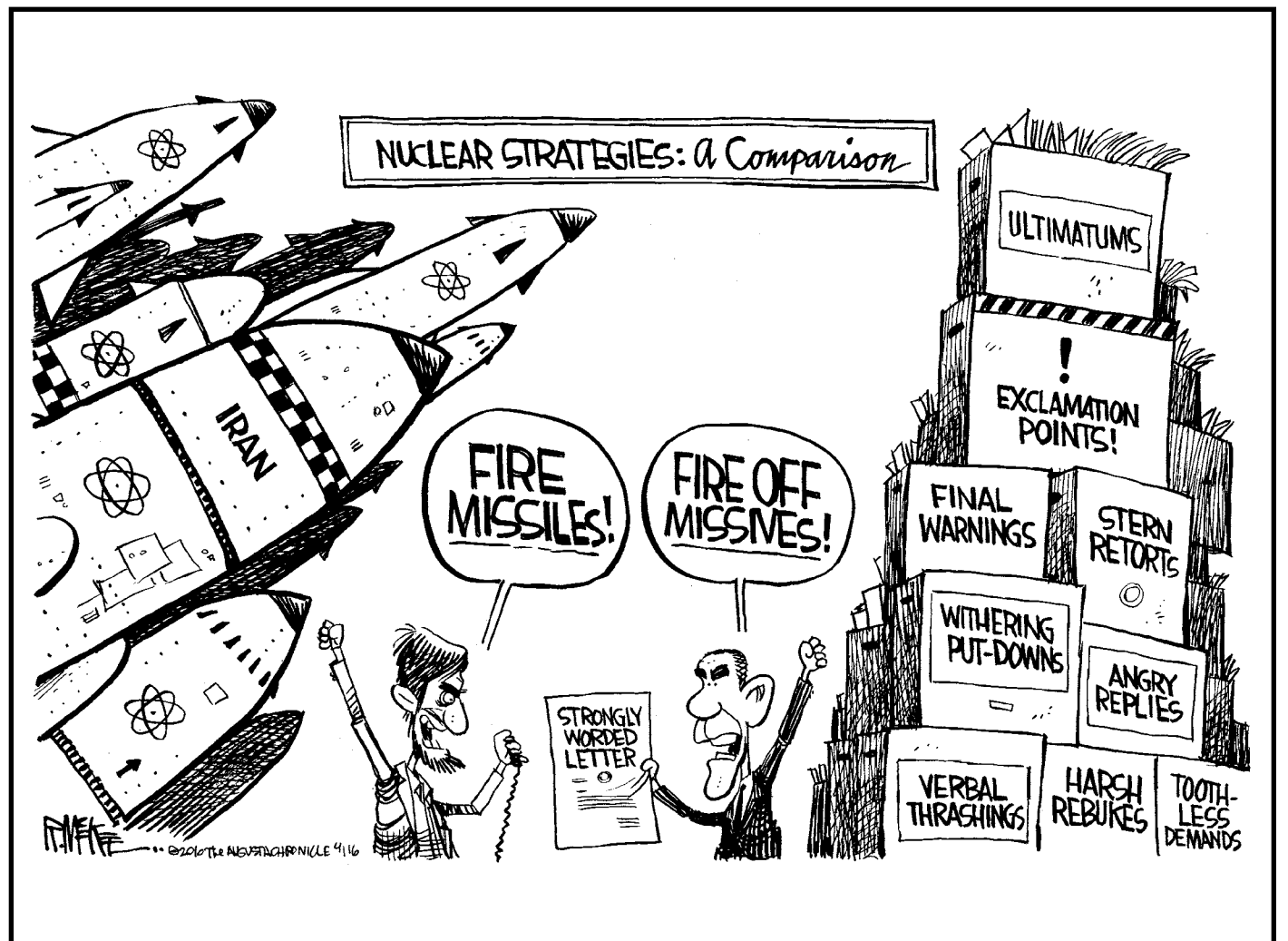
America hopes export competitiveness will lead to job growth, especially in manufacturing, where jobs have been declining for decades.

The effect depends on how much China's currency moves. China strengthened its currency around 2 percent in 2005, yet still experienced a \$115 billion trade surplus with the U.S. A much larger change is needed because the Chinese currency is estimated to be undervalued by 25 percent to 40 percent.

Currency change is just one factor in the U.S.-China trade imbalance. Trade will take years to adjust.

Even if the change is big enough, American companies will need to work hard to become competitive, and must not rely solely on the aid of a devalued dollar.

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## Saipan: Then and now a different time and place

*Editor's Note: Over the next several days the Saipan Tribune will present the notes and recollections of an island chronicler who looks back at the Northern Marianas to a distant, simpler time dating from the 1970's. Recorded by Bill Stewart, a frequent contributor to this paper's Opinion section, his personal snapshots recall several experiences and events that occurred about 40 years ago during the Trust Territory period and later as remembered and recorded in his personal journal. Portions of the article first appeared in MP Magazine.*

### Second part of a series

Leaving the airport after only a casual inspection of one's luggage, an automobile could be rented for \$2.50 a day. I started driving on a potholed, coral road near Agingan Point and turned right and headed northbound on another road choked with coral dust, which appeared to have remained unimproved since the U. S. military left several decades before. Weaving first to the right then to the left of the road to avoid the deep, water-filled craters at a speed of about 20 miles an hour, I noticed that there were very few structures along the way, only weeds, uncut brush, thick vines and assorted tropical vegetation. Passing Townhouse Market's quonset hut (later Payless), opposite Carmen's Safeway Store and continuing north toward Susupe and the 56-room Royal Taga Hotel (later the huge Diamond Hotel), very few vehicles were met on the road, maybe five rusted, secondhand pickups. At this location the island's single stop sign was posted at the exit of the Taga Hotel. There were no traffic signals on the island—none were needed. Passing Joeten's Shopping Center I later learned that this store, facing Beach Road and shaded by a huge, beautiful Flame Tree, (which has long since been destroyed to provide a single parking spot), was the social center of the island. It was here that one made overseas telephone calls from an RCA booth. In those days long distance calls could not be made from one's residence.

From that point, past the Marianas District Administrator's Office (where the Judicial Center is now located), not more than five or six ramshackle structures lined Beach Road between the island government offices and the Microl intersection. Continuing north toward Garapan, even fewer buildings were in evidence on either side until reaching the Hafa Adai Hotel, the island's only other hotel, which consisted of 10 plywood bungalows, each slightly larger than a shipping container and the hotel's small Japanese restaurant. Facing the Hafa Adai on the other side of the road was the future location of M.S. Villagomez store which, years later, would be the location of the beautiful DFS building.

I distinctly remember one event concerning a planned travel to

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Guam to see the newly released film, *The Godfather*, which had been advertised in the *Guam Daily News* many days in advance. In those days to view a movie on Guam one had to purchase an airline ticket, rent a car, stay overnight in the Cliff Hotel and eat in a restaurant—all to see a \$2 film. I made reservations on Air Mike several weeks in advance to reserve seats and then followed up every few days to reconfirm my reservations on the 84-seat aircraft. Each time I called I was assured that I had indeed, airline seats reserved in my name. When the day arrived after anxiously waiting several weeks to depart, I went to the airfield where, much to my surprise, there must have been 250 people all claiming to have seats reserved on that particular flight to Guam. I approached my friend who was the airline's station manager and was told that I "couldn't board as all the seats had been sold."

In complete astonishment I said, "But you told me several times over the past few weeks that I had confirmed reservations!" He said, "Bill, I knew the day you first called that you couldn't go because the plane was full—but think—I made you so very happy when you thought you were going."

That's one reason I have always liked the islands—in those days of long ago they make many days of happiness but few of disappointment.

In those early days before there was a tourism industry there were no recreational craft in the lagoon save one, a glass-bottomed boat operated by Tetsuo, a Palauan. Middle Road was even less developed, another potholed, two-lane, dusty road with hardly a business on either side and even fewer vehicles to encounter. The maximum speed possible was about 20 - 25 mph. At that time the Fire Department had a single red jeep with a garden hose. In recalling those days long ago, I distinctly remember that I never saw people riding bicycles or jogging, saw very few birds, never saw lightning or heard thunder. Why this remains in my memory, I don't know.

Kobler Field was an unlighted, coral airstrip and one evening there was a serious accident that could not be handled at Doctor Torres Hospital where the college is now situated. The injured person had to be medevac'd to Guam. The problem was it was around 11pm

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# Am I a US citizen under the Covenant?

"The following persons and their children under the age of 18 years...are declared to be citizens of the United States..."—*Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America*, Section 301

One of the primary effects of the Covenant was a broad grant of U.S. citizenship to a large percentage of the people of the Commonwealth—but not to everyone, and that's what today's column is about. There have always been occasional clients who want to know if they are U.S. citizens, but under the pressure of federalization, quite a few people are coming to us to find out if they qualify. Because there is no law that requires a U.S. citizen (USC) to apply for a passport except to travel—and sometimes not even then, as people who used to use their birth certificates to travel to Guam can testify—many claims to citizenship have not been tested in any way.

## What are the Covenant's citizenship rules?

Covenant Article III, titled "Citizenship and Nationality," lays out the citizenship rules. Note that these rules are not the same as the rules that determine whether someone born abroad with at least one USC parent, or whose father or mother was later naturalized, but these rules also sometimes come into play; one example is with regard to people born in what is now the CNMI, but before Jan. 9, 1978, the effective date of the CNMI Constitution and government. They are also different from the rules which determine who is "of Northern Marianas descent" under Article XII of the CNMI Constitution, which are not considered in determining citizenship.

The other important date is Nov. 4, 1986, the date (in the CNMI) of Presidential Proclamation No. 5564, which dissolved the Trusteeship Agreement for the Pacific Islands with regard to the CNMI, the FSM and the Marshall Islands, and declared the Covenant (and the Compacts of Free Association with the FSM and the Marshalls) to be fully effective. The proclamation specified that Covenant Sections 301, 302, 303 and 506, all of which deal with immigration matters, were fully effective as of 12:01am, Nov. 4, 1986, local time. It also specified that "domiciliaries of the Northern Mariana Islands are citizens of the United States to the extent provided for in Sections 301 through 303 of the Covenant," and congratulated "our new fellow citizens." Nov. 4, 1986: Citizenship Day.

Section 302 gave those who did not want to become automatic USCs six months to opt out. Section 303 provided that "all persons" born in the CNMI on or after Citizenship Day are USCs by birth-right. Section 304 guaranteed that CNMI USCs are "entitled to all privileges and immunities" as USCs in the 50 states of the U.S.; that is, there are no second-class USCs.

But Section 301 provides the real substance as to who is and who is not a citizen under the Covenant. Here are the Section 301 rules, in abbreviated form.

First, the claimant must not be a citizen or national of the U.S. under any other law, and must not "owe allegiance to any foreign state." Once past these hurdles, claimants (and their children under 18 years old on Citizenship Day), are automatically USCs, if:

(a) They were born in the Northern Mariana Islands and were TTPI (Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands) citizens on Nov. 3, 1986, and were then domiciled in the CNMI, or in any other of the U.S., or any U.S. territory or possession; or

(b) They were TTPI citizens on Nov. 3, domiciled continuously in the CNMI for at least the preceding five years, and (unless too young) voted in what is now the CNMI before Jan. 1, 1975; or

(c) They were not TTPI citizens but were domiciled in the CNMI not only on Nov. 3, but also continuously since before Jan. 1, 1974.

## The citizenship lawsuits

Sounds simple enough, right? But the U.S. Department of State, which issues passports, took—and in our opinion still takes—an overly rigid interpretation of Section 301. Citizenship Day was followed fairly quickly by at least nine federal lawsuits demanding that State issue passports, including a successful class action. The most interesting was brought by the late Lucy Peters DL Guerrero, a TTPI citizen who had renounced her Fijian citizenship, but for whom State only offered to provide "travel documents." U.S. District Judge Alfred Laureta, himself the child of immigrants (who once said that his early clients in private practice were frequently Filipinos who were so poor that they paid in "vegetables and poultry, bedspreads and bed sheets") ruled that Section 301 rendered TTPI citizens stateless, and cited the U.S. Supreme Court's holding that being made stateless was "cruel and unusual punishment" under the U.S. Constitution's 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment even when the death penalty was not. Saying that in offering travel documents "[t]he United States has grossly missed the mark," the judge gave State five days to provide Mrs. Guerrero her passport.

That was in the late 1980s, but issues are still being resolved. In 2002, the so-called "stateless" citizenship claimants—people born in the CNMI between Jan. 9, 1978 and Nov. 3, 1986—sued to challenge the conventional interpretation that under the Covenant they were not USCs because although they were born in the CNMI, their birthdays were before Citizenship Day. They won big time: the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in a short, sharp opinion with only two pages of actual text, held that (a) claimants were citizens through the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, applicable in the CNMI through Covenant Section 501(a), and (b) claimants were citizens through the Immigration & Nationality Act, which copies the language of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The court held that the government's attempt to distinguish the CNMI from one of the states for purposes of the constitutional issues before it "depends on gossamer reasoning that common sense must blow away."

## How do the Section 301 rules work? Three examples (details changed to protect privacy)

*I renounced my Philippine citizenship when I married a Saipanese TTPI citizen in the early 1970s. I obtained a TTPI passport and voted in local elections before 1975, but I also got a new Philippine passport for travel purposes, because relatively few countries recognized the TTPI's passports. I have lived continuously on Saipan since 1973. I have been afraid to apply for a U.S. passport.*

This was an actual case of Bruce's in the mid-1990s. The client met the requirements of Section 301(b)—TTPI citizen, voted locally before 1975, and domiciled in the CNMI for at least five years immediately before Citizenship Day. The Department of State accepted that the Philippine passport was necessary as a travel document only, and issued the client's U.S. passport.

*I was born on Saipan before 1974. My parents were originally from Palau, and worked for the TTPI government, and voted in local elections before 1975. The TTPI assigned my parents to work in*

## IMMIGRATION FORUM

By **MAYA KARA and BRUCE MAILMAN**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



*Maya Kara is a native of Hungary and comes to the practice of law by way of her interest in Asian history. Bruce Mailman is a native of Bakersfield, California and was a private investigator in California prior to becoming a lawyer. Both have lived and practiced law in the CNMI for over 20 years, Maya in government service and Bruce in private practice. They are married and are partners in the law firm of Mailman & Kara, LLC in Garapan, Saipan.*

*Yap before 1978. My parents later returned to the Marshalls, and stayed there. I never lived on Saipan again, except for visits to relatives in the mid-1980s, when I spent a summer on Saipan. I served seven years in the U.S. military, and was honorably discharged. I now live in the U.S. as a citizen of a Freely Associated State.*

You were born in the Northern Marianas and acquired TTPI citizenship at birth, but on Citizenship Day both you and your parents were domiciled in one of the FAS, and had been for the preceding five years. Because none of the FAS are territories or possessions of the U.S., you do not qualify for citizenship based on Section 301. Your military service may lead to U.S. permanent residence if you can re-enlist for at least the additional five years required by U.S. law. Otherwise, as a citizen of one of the FAS, you can continue to live and work freely in the U.S.

*I was born on Saipan before 1978, and I have lived my whole life in the CNMI. My Chamorro mother was born in the U.S. and is a U.S. citizen, but my father was from another country. My parents and I always thought I am a U.S. citizen, but when I applied for my passport I was denied because my mother only lived in the mainland U.S. for about five years, and because I may have acquired my father's citizenship when I was born.*

If you were a TTPI citizen, then you would qualify as a U.S. citizen under Sections 301(a) and 301(b). If you acquired your father's citizenship rather than TTPI citizenship, however, then you do not qualify under Section 301.

Did you acquire your mother's U.S. citizenship? For that, we must look outside the Covenant. A U.S. citizen can transmit citizenship to a child born abroad under certain conditions. The law in effect at the time you were born required that your mother must have been physically present in the U.S. for at least five years, including two after the age of 14.

Because you were born before 1978, you are not covered by the *Sabangan* decision. You may have to sue to determine your rights. One possible alternative resolution of your situation would be a private immigration bill passed by the U.S. Congress, declaring that you are in fact a U.S. citizen. Such bills are not uncommon, but unfortunately none have been successful for several years.

Each person's situation is deeply dependent on his or her particular facts. Do the results always seem right, or fair? No. Can we do anything about it? Many of us are working on it. In the course of federalization of immigration, unique issues involving the people of the Commonwealth are getting more attention from policy and decision makers in the federal government. We are cautiously hopeful that interpretation of citizenship under the Covenant issues will be one of the issues that will be revisited.

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## Letter to the Editor

# Who is really mentally suspect?

Having read the "holier than thou" rant of self-proclaimed citizen of the year awardee, Dave Davis, who proclaims to be more mentally competent than me and the constituents of Guam, which like Saipan has a large number of indigenous Chamorros, I begin to wonder who is more dangerous: Mr. Davis, who writes out of sense of racial frustration and/or societal self-righteousness, or myself, who introduced expungement legislation for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, in order to join most other U.S. states that have various expungement acts within the confines of justice and democracy the American way.

This legislation was a result of both the CNMI Attorney General's criminal division and Public Defender's Office having giving advice and input into my office for an expungement act to be introduced, since the CNMI does not have one on the books.

Information was also attained by my office concerning the expungement acts of various U.S. states, and I said, what the pugua, why can't a citizen of the CNMI enjoy the same due process rights of, say, a citizen from California, or even Minnesota.

Frankly speaking, I won't extend the length of this letter any

further, since Mr. Davis has an apparent reading deficiency and doesn't like to read all the parts of a whole before he goes ranting. So, let's make it easy for Mr. Davis: The CNMI expungement act, like most other U.S. expungement acts, is a long process of petitioning the court, which in turn the court requires the Attorney General's Office to file papers (pro or con), which in turn contacts the victims, which in turn all this ends up in the newspapers for public support or outcry, which then returns back to the judge who makes a determination in the expungement petition. Of course, common sense dictates that violent offenders don't stand much of a chance at all to having their records expunged, but there are many people not as holy and self-righteous as Mr. Davis, who have committed a transgression in their early lives, and after leading good lives then on, need a fair opportunity to erase a misfortunate incident that continues to hamper their lives.

**Rep. Stanley T. McGinnis Torres**  
*Capital Hill, Saipan*

## SAIPAN

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and no aircraft could land on the field at night. The local radio station was contacted and an announcement was aired for volunteers to drive their vehicles to the airstrip where they were assembled by the police directing every vehicle to each

side of the entire length of the field with their low beam headlights illuminating the landing path for the incoming military aircraft. It all worked like clockwork with the span of an hour. The plane came in and the injured person was flown out to a Guam hospital and everyone went home.






*To be continued*



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼76°	▲87° ▼76°	▲87° ▼76°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼78
Palau	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼78
Yap	Showers	▲88 ▼78
Chuuk	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼82
Pohnpei	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼81
Kosrae	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼81
Majuro	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼81

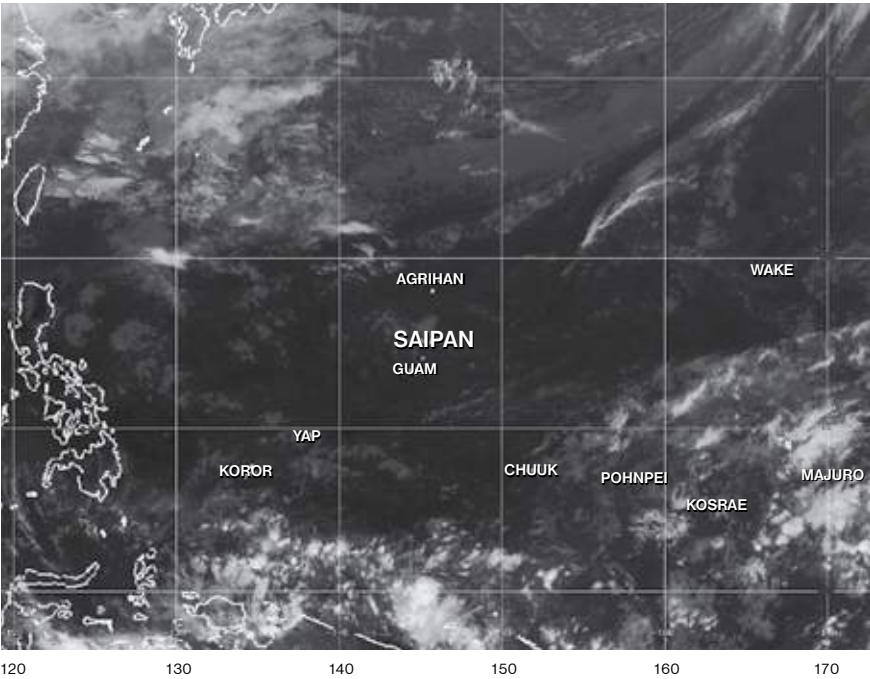
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲66 ▼59
Beijing	Cloudy	▲63 ▼50
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲78 ▼72
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼71
London	Showers	▲57 ▼41
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼53
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲94 ▼82
Melbourne	Showers	▲76 ▼62
Miami	Thundershowers	▲79 ▼67
New York	Sunny	▲63 ▼43
Osaka	Showers	▲64 ▼58
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼39
Pusan	Showers	▲63 ▼53
Rome	Sunny	▲71 ▼50
Salem	Showers	▲66 ▼48
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼55
Seoul	Showers	▲65 ▼52
Tokyo	Showers	▲64 ▼58
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲63 ▼46

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
12:33 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
5:44 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet	
10:22 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
6:08 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough stretches from 1N130E to EQ143E. Low-level convergence north of the trough is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between the equator and 3N from 133E to 143E. Trade-wind convergence combined with upper-level divergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Majuro within an area bounded by 2N168E to 8N180 to 2N180 back to 2N168E and north of Majuro between 8N and 10N from 170E to 172E. A shear line enters the discussion area near 25N154E and extends to 23N150E to 23N140E. Clouds and showers are along and up to 200 miles north of the boundary.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:00 AM	6:32 PM
Wednesday	5:59 AM	6:32 PM
Thursday	5:59 AM	6:33 PM
Friday	5:58 AM	6:33 PM
Saturday	5:58 AM	6:33 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:30 AM	11:53 PM
Wednesday	11:31 AM	
Thursday	12:31 PM	12:45 AM
Friday	1:31 PM	1:33 AM
Saturday	2:29 PM	2:18 AM

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DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS					
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM						GUAM-ROTA (ROP)					
C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5			C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7		
SAIPAN-GUAM						GUAM-SAIPAN					
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily			C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily		
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily			C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily		
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7			C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily		
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily			C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7		
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily			C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily		
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily			C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL287	5:55am	8:35am	Daily			DL290	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily		
DL297	3:35pm	6:15pm	Daily			DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily		
DL289	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily			DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)						BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN					
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5			OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7		
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
OZ604	2:20am	6:10am	1			OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7			OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6			FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN					
CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6			CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN			OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN						via ICN		
OZ606/703	2:20am	11:00pm	1 via ICN			OZ706/607	3:35am	2:20am+1	4, 7 via PUS		
OZ606/703	2:50am	11:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM		
						OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
OZ608/705	3:20am	12:10am+1	1, 5 via PUS			OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM			PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM		
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau			C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM-Palau		
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM			C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM		
SAIPAN-HONG KONG						HONG KONG-SAIPAN					
OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN			OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN						via ICN		
OZ606/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	4, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
C09603/909	3:05am	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM						via ICN		
						OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
						OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
						C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM		
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily	FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily	FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily	FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily	Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
Guam-Rota				FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily	FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily	FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily	FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily	FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily	FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily	FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily	FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily	FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily				
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily				



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Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

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- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



# 15th Annual Academic Bee Challenge



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

2010 Academic Bee Challenge champions Calvary Christian Academy and second placer Mount Carmel School pose for a group photo at the end of the competition on Saturday.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

The 2010 Academic Bee Challenge champions, Calvary Christian Academy, pose with their medals and trophy at the end of the competition on Saturday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Mount Carmel School bags the second place with 305 total points in the 15th Annual Academic Bee Challenge for elementary schools on Saturday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Grace Christian Academy wins third place in this year's Academic Bee Challenge sponsored by the Marianas High School National Honor Society.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

The judges for this year's 15th Annual Academic Bee Challenge receive certificates of appreciation from event sponsor, Marianas High School Honor Society.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

The Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe is filled to capacity for the 15th Annual Academic Bee Challenge.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Parents, teachers, students and guests wait for the announcement of this year's winners in the Academic Bee Challenge for elementary schools.



## Business

# AP source: Toyota to agree to \$16.4 million fine

WASHINGTON (AP)—Toyota Motor Corp. is expected to agree to a fine of more than \$16 million, the largest government penalty levied against an automaker, for a four-month delay in telling federal authorities about defective gas pedals on its vehicles, a Transportation Department official said Sunday.

Toyota faces a Monday deadline to accept or contest the \$16.4 million fine over evidence it knew about sticking gas pedals in September but did not issue a recall until January.

The Transportation official was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke only on condition of anonymity. The official said Toyota is expected to pay the full amount of the assessed fine within 30 days as a means of avoiding going to court against the government.

The official said Toyota did not intend to accept liability explicitly. But from the government's viewpoint, the official said, the agreement to pay the full fine constituted an acceptance of responsibility for hiding the safety defect in violation of the law.

Toyota did not immediately comment on the fine. Under federal law, automak-

ers are required to notify the government within five business days when they find a potential safety defect.

Toyota announced it would recall 2.3 million vehicles in January to address sticking pedals on popular vehicles such as the Camry and Corolla. The Japanese automaker has recalled more than 8 million vehicles worldwide because of acceleration problems in multiple models and braking issues in the Prius hybrid.

Concerns about sticking gas pedals and complaints from Toyota owners in the U.S. were rising at the end of 2009, according to chronologies of the investigation Toyota provided to the government.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said documents provided by Toyota showed the automaker had known about the sticky pedal defect at least since Sept. 29, 2009, when it issued repair procedures to distributors in 31 European countries to address complaints of sticking pedals, sudden increases in engine RPM and sudden vehicle acceleration.

The documents also showed that Toy-



In this March 31, 2010 file photo, the Toyota logo is seen on a car displayed at the New York International Auto Show in New York.

ota knew that owners in the United States had experienced the same problems.

The Japanese automaker has been weighing its options since the fine was announced in early April but analysts expected it to pay the penalty.

The company has been named in 138 potential class-action lawsuits over falling vehicle values and about 100 personal injury and wrongful death cases in federal courts. Federal prosecutors and the Securities and Exchange Com-

mission are conducting investigations related to the recalls.

"When you look at the toll it's taken on Toyota's reputation, when you look at the number of vehicles involved, when you look at the hardship it's placed on Toyota's customer base, it's only right for Toyota to take this fine," said Dennis Virag, president of Automotive Consulting Group based in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Transportation officials have not ruled out additional fines. The department is reviewing whether Toyota delayed for six weeks the late January recall of the 2009-2010 Venza in the United States to address floor mats that could entrap the accelerator pedal after making a similar recall in Canada.

Toyota recalled the Venza in Canada in December and reported to the U.S. government on Dec. 16 that the floor mats could move forward while the vehicle is in use and "may interfere with the accelerator pedal."

Toyota told U.S. authorities at the time that the floor mats in question were not imported into the U.S. but the Venza was added to the floor mat recall in late January.

## Fraud charge deals big blow to Goldman's image

NEW YORK (AP)—While Goldman Sachs contends with the government's civil fraud charges, an equally serious problem looms: a damaged reputation that may cost it clients.

The Securities and Exchange Commission's bombshell civil fraud charge against Goldman has tarnished the Wall Street bank's already bruised image, analysts say. It could also hurt its ability to do business in an industry based largely on trust.

Damage from the case could hit other big banks as well. The SEC charges are expected to help the Obama administration as it seeks to more tightly police lucrative investment banking activities.

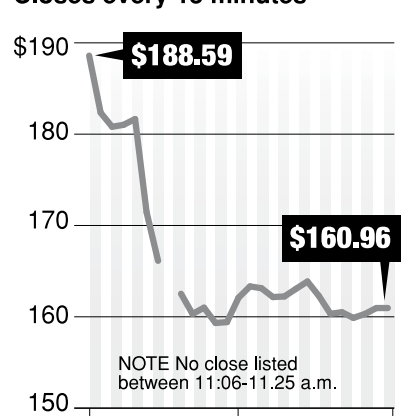
Goldman has denied the SEC's allegation that it sold risky mortgage investments without telling buyers that the securities were crafted in part by a billionaire hedge fund manager who was betting on them to fail. A 31-year-old Goldman employee is also accused in the civil suit that was announced Friday.

The charges could result in fines and restitution of more than \$700 million, predicted Brad Hintz, an analyst at Sanford Bernstein. Yet, even if Goldman beats the charge, the hit to its repu-

### Goldman drops

Goldman Sachs stock price fell after the Securities and Exchange Commission charged Goldman with fraud Friday morning:

Closes every 15 minutes



Source: Yahoo Finance  
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tation could carry a greater cost.

The company, founded in 1869, grew from a one-man outfit trading promissory notes in New York to the world's most powerful, most profitable and arguably most envied securities and investment firm. From its 43-

story glass-and-steel headquarters in Lower Manhattan, Goldman oversees a financial empire that spans more than 30 countries and includes more than 30,000 employees.

It has long attracted some of the world's best and brightest. Some have gone on to lofty careers in public life, enhancing the firm's aura of mystique and influence. Goldman alumni include former Treasury Secretaries Henry Paulson and Robert Rubin and former New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine.

In its corporate profile, the company says its culture distinguishes it from other firms and "helps to make us a magnet for talent." That culture is summed up in the firm's "14 Business Principles," which preach an almost militant philosophy of putting the client before the firm.

Now, it's that very philosophy that has been questioned by the government.

So far, no Goldman clients have publicly condemned the bank's alleged actions. But the negative publicity and regulatory scrutiny could cause some to distance themselves, said Mark T. Williams, a professor of finance and economics at Boston University.

Goldman earned a record \$4.79 bil-

lion during the fourth quarter of last year and is expected to report blowout first-quarter results on Tuesday. A big chunk of its profits are from fee-based client businesses, such as investment advising, underwriting securities and brokering billion-dollar mergers.

"Goldman can really only truly be effective in the marketplace if it maintains a strong reputation," Williams said.

Morgan Stanley, the No. 2 U.S. investment bank after Goldman, could be in a position to poach some Goldman clients, which include hedge funds, pension funds and other big institutional investors. Overseas, European rivals such as Deutsche Bank AG and UBS could benefit.

Investors are already betting the legal troubles will hurt Goldman's finances. The company's shares plunged 13 percent after the charges were announced Friday, erasing a staggering \$12.5 billion in market value.

"Reputation risk is the biggest issue in our view," Citigroup analyst Keith Horowitz wrote in a note to clients. He predicted the fraud case won't be a "life-threatening issue" but that it "clearly seems like a black eye for Goldman."

## Fee-weary air travelers get a break—for now

ATLANTA (AP)—U.S. airlines never met a fee they didn't like. Until now, it seems.

Five major carriers on Sunday agreed not to follow the lead of a small Florida airline that plans to charge for carryon bags. Their commitment comes just in time to keep travelers from running for the exits during the peak summer flying season, but it is doubtful that it marks a change in strategy.

Airlines are going to tack on every fee they feel they can get away with because it bolsters their revenue stream while allowing them to keep base fares lower. They just don't feel like pas-

sengers will tolerate losing their sacred free carryons—at least not right now.

The promise to New York Sen. Charles Schumer from American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, US Airways and JetBlue Airways comes despite the fact that some of those same airlines are expected to report first-quarter losses next week. They were stung by higher fuel prices and the heavy February snowstorms.

Ancillary fees for air travel—including baggage fees, reservation change fees and other miscellaneous operating revenue—have been piling up.

For U.S. carriers they totaled \$1.95 bil-

lion in the third quarter of 2009, roughly 36 percent higher than for the same period a year earlier. For 26 large U.S. airlines, those fees made up 6.9 percent of their total operating revenue in the third quarter of last year, according to the most recent government data available.

But major carriers risk alienating customers if they follow Spirit Airlines' lead and impose a fee on carryon bags. In August, Spirit will begin charging customers up to \$45 to place a bag in an overhead bin.

Other fees haven't stopped people from flying, but many can be avoided. Carryon bag fees would be hard to avoid.

"We believe it is something that's important to our customers and they value, and we will continue making that available to them at no charge," American Airlines spokesman Roger Frizzell said.

It wasn't clear how long the five airlines had pledged not to charge for carryons. Frizzell couldn't say, and a spokesman for Delta declined to comment.

Schumer and five other Democratic senators—New Hampshire's Jeanne Shaheen, Maryland's Ben Cardin, Minnesota's Amy Klobuchar, and New Jersey's Robert Menendez and Frank Lautenberg—support legislation that would tax airlines if they charge carryon bag fees.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Oil plunges below \$82 on volcano, Goldman gitters

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices plunged below \$82 a barrel Monday in Asia, extending big losses on expectations that disruption to air travel from the Icelandic volcano will undermine the global economic recovery and crude demand. Benchmark crude for May delivery was down \$1.38 to \$81.86 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. A huge cloud of volcanic ash has shut down air traffic in most of Europe for four days, scuttling travel plans and freight services that could end up costing billions of dollars. At the very least, traders say the volcano crisis will lower demand from airlines for jet fuel.

#### Traders see room for a pause in stock market climb

NEW YORK (AP)—Goldman Sachs & Co. reminded investors that the stock market can still go down. The government charged the bank with civil fraud Friday and the Dow Jones industrial average fell 126 points, its biggest slide in more than two and a half months. The Goldman Sachs news gave a dose of reality to investors who were used to seeing the market climb almost relentlessly on signs of a recovering economy. But there are signs investors are already shaking off the Securities and Exchange Commission's charges that Goldman Sachs failed to tell clients about conflicts of interest in mortgage investments it sold. Stocks ended off their lows Friday. That's a sign that investors are still making predictions that stocks will bounce higher.



# Nation

## Poll: Majority lacks trust in government

WASHINGTON (AP)—Can you trust Washington?

Nearly 80 percent of Americans say they can't and they have little faith that the massive federal bureaucracy can solve the nation's ills, according to a survey from the Pew Research Center that shows public confidence in the federal government at one of the lowest points in a half-century.

The poll released Sunday illustrates the ominous situation facing President Barack Obama and the Democratic Party as they struggle to maintain their comfortable congressional majorities in this fall's elections. Midterm prospects are typically tough for the party in power. Add a toxic environment like this and lots of incumbent Democrats could be out of work.

The survey found that just 22 percent of those questioned say they can trust Washington almost always or most of the time and just 19 percent say they are basically content with it. Nearly half say the government negatively affects their daily lives, a sentiment that's grown over the past dozen years.

This anti-government feeling has driven the tea party movement, reflected in fierce protests this past week.

"The government's been lying to people for years. Politicians make promises to get elected, and when they get elected, they don't follow through," says Cindy Wanto, 57, a registered Democrat from Nemacolin, Pa., who joined several thousand for a rally in Washington on April 15—the tax filing deadline. "There's too much government in my business. It was a



In this April 15, 2010 file photo, Samantha Johnson, of Phoenix joins thousands attending a Tea Party Tax Day rally in Tempe, Ariz.

problem before Obama, but he's certainly not helping fix it."

Majorities in the survey call Washington too big and too powerful, and say it's interfering too much in state and local matters. The public is split over whether the government should be responsible for dealing with critical problems or scaled back to reduce its power, presumably in favor of personal responsibility.

About half say they want a smaller government with fewer services, compared with roughly 40 percent who want a bigger government providing more.

The public was evenly divided on those questions long before Obama was elected. Still, a majority supported the Obama administration exerting greater control over the economy during the recession.

"Trust in government rarely gets this low," said Andrew Kohut, director of the nonpartisan center that conducted the survey. "Some of it's backlash against Obama. But there are a lot of other things going on."

And, he added: "Politics has poisoned the well."

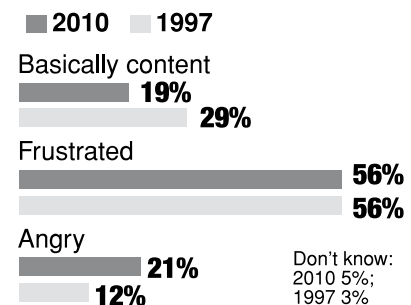
The survey found that Obama's poli-

cies were partly to blame for a rise in distrustful, anti-government views. In his first year in office, the president orchestrated a government takeover of Detroit automakers, secured a \$787 billion stimulus package and pushed to overhaul the health care system.

But the poll also identified a combination of factors that contributed to the electorate's hostility: the recession that Obama inherited from President George W. Bush; a dispirited public; and anger with Congress and politicians of all political leanings.

A new poll shows Americans have grown more critical, less trusting and even fearful of government.

Frustration not new, anger is  
Feeling about federal government, 1997 compared to 2010



The regulation paradox

More people oppose government control of the economy, but want stricter regulation of financial firms

Government control of economy	March 2009	April 2010
Good idea	54%	40%
Bad idea	37%	51%
Don't know	9%	9%
Stricter regulation of financial firms		
Good idea	60%	61%
Bad idea	31%	31%
Don't know	9%	8%

Source: Pew Research Center poll, March, 11-21, 2010 of 2,505 adults; margin of error: +/-2.5 percentage points; and three polls March 18-21, April 1-5 and April 8-11 of 1,000 adults; margin of error: +/- 4 percentage points  
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### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Police: Man shot at border thought from Colorado

SAN DIEGO (AP)—San Diego police say a man shot and wounded by federal officers after he allegedly sped from a gate at the nation's busiest border crossing is a 54-year-old believed to be from Colorado. Lt. Kevin Rooney said Sunday that Richard Cress remained hospitalized at University of California, San Diego Medical Center but is expected to survive. Rooney says Cress was headed to an inspection area Saturday at the San Ysidro crossing when he drove a Chevrolet Tahoe into a departure lane, hit a pickup truck and concrete barriers and tried to get to Interstate 5. Police say Cress then drove in reverse and hit a border agent. Two agents opened fire and hit Cress once. Rooney says the vehicle had been reported stolen in Colorado March 1 and had California plates from another vehicle.

#### Doctor: Luci Baines Johnson improving at hospital

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP)—Luci Baines Johnson, the youngest daughter of former President Lyndon B. Johnson, is making what her doctor calls "significant improvement" at the Mayo Clinic. The 62-year-old was flown to the clinic by air ambulance Friday and is being treated

in the neuro-intensive care unit for what doctors suspect is a rare autoimmune disorder that affects the nervous system and can cause paralysis. Johnson's doctor in Austin accompanied her to the clinic, and he said Sunday that she has made significant improvement in the past 24 hours. Dr. Dudley Youman says Johnson is expected to make a full recovery from Guillain-Barre syndrome. He says she will remain in intensive care for a while but eventually return home for rehabilitation to strengthen her muscles.

#### NASA to astronauts: Rain delays likely for return

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—NASA warned space shuttle Discovery's astronauts Sunday to expect rain delays as they wrapped up their two-week mission and got ready to come home. Discovery and its crew of seven were scheduled to land Monday morning at NASA's Florida spaceport. Shuttle commander Alan Poindexter said Sunday that he enjoys spending extra time in orbit and doesn't mind if Discovery can't make it back to Earth until Tuesday. Mission Control promised to keep monitoring the weather in case the forecast improved. In the worst case, Discovery could always aim for the backup landing site in Southern California on Tuesday.

### Early apple blossom triggers fears of killer frost

BOSTON (AP)—Frank Whittemore has been growing fruit for a lifetime and can't ever remember a year when the buds started peeking out on his 30,000 apples trees so early in the spring. And that's what has him worried.

"We're just praying that we don't get some really, really cold weather over the next few weeks," said Whittemore, 85, co-owner of Brookdale Fruit Farm in Hollis, N.H. "It would be a disaster for us."

While most residents of the Northeast were enjoying the recent spate of warm weather, apple growers fretted about an unprecedented early bloom that could leave the nascent fruit vulnerable to a dangerous cold snap. And farmers around the country fear that other fruits, including cherries, blueberries and plums, could also fall victim to frost.

Orchard managers and fruit experts

said a balmy early spring—the mercury climbed to a record-shattering 92 degrees in parts of New England on April 7—combined with an early snow melt and heavy rains in March has trees blossoming two to three weeks ahead of schedule on average. That leaves plenty of time on the calendar for the region's notoriously unpredictable weather to strike back with a killer freeze.

"There will be a couple of weeks where the growers, I think, will be pretty nervous," said Russell Powell, executive director of the New England Apple Growers Association, which represents hundreds of commercial orchards in the region.

The danger with the accelerated growing pattern, Powell explained, was that once the tiny buds push out, they can easily be killed off by a hard and sudden frost.

### SF crime lab at center of growing scandal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The tape recorder started rolling as two police investigators sat in their car in a hospital parking lot with Deborah Madden on Feb. 26. "You're causing a huge nightmare for the city," said one officer.

Now the 60-year-old technician and the obscure police crime lab where she worked for 29 years stand at the center of a scandal that has led to the dismissal of hundreds of criminal cases and jeopardized thousands more. Police have accused Madden of skimming cocaine evidence from the lab, but she hasn't

been criminally charged in the case.

Forensics experts say Madden is not the first crime lab worker suspected of stealing drugs or other illegality, and San Francisco's lab joins several other cities in suffering a loss of credibility.

A Houston man was awarded \$5 million last year after spending 17 years in prison on rape charges overturned because of a discredited criminal lab.

Detroit shut down its crime lab in 2008 after outside auditors uncovered serious errors in the way evidence was handled.

### Gates says US is prepared on Iran's nuclear plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Defense Secretary Robert Gates asserted Sunday that the U.S. is prepared to take a range of actions against the Iranian nuclear program and told friends and foes not to fall for any perception Iran can catch Washington off guard.

Gates said a memo he wrote in January identified steps to be taken in defense planning after the Obama administration decided to increase pressure against Iran's nuclear ambitions.

It was not, he insisted, a "wake-up call" that set off a scramble by an unprepared government, as was suggested by sources who disclosed the memo's existence to The New York Times.

Even so, it's clear administration planning is very much in motion.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in a speech Sunday at Columbia University that Iran "has been a great focus for years, not months" and "the military option has been on the table and remains on the table." Yet, he added: "The diplomatic, the engagement piece, the sanctions piece—all those things, from my perspective, need to be addressed."

Gates released a statement saying his memo to the White House merely laid out an orderly and timely decision-making process as various agencies work together to make policy on Iran in the months ahead.



# World

## Armed Thai troops block Bangkok business district

**BANGKOK (AP)**—Thai troops armed with assault rifles moved into positions early Monday to block Bangkok's prime business district from thousands of anti-government protesters who have threatened to enter.

The government had earlier declared Silom Road, a thoroughfare studded with banks and office buildings, off-limits to the protesters who have camped in the capital's main shopping district nearby for weeks.

Soldiers also patrolled the

city's most famous bar strip, Patpong Road, and an entertainment area for Japanese tourists, which are just off Silom. Some took positions atop buildings after searching for possible snipers.

As Thailand's traditional New Year holiday ended, protest leaders had called for a mass rally Tuesday on Silom in their bid to oust Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva. That has raised concerns of more clashes after savage fighting a week ago killed 25 people.

The military declared the city's main shopping boulevard unsafe Sunday because of large crowds of anti-government protesters, and soldiers were sent to nearby high-rises to watch for any violence.

The warning by army spokesman Col. Sansern Kaewkamnerd was another blow for Thailand's vital tourism sector, which accounts for 6 percent of the economy and has steeply declined since the protests began March 12.

## Philippines drops charges vs 2 massacre suspects

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Philippines' Department of Justice has dropped murder charges against two members of a warlord clan accused in the massacre of 57 political rivals and journalists, sparking protests Sunday and bringing relatives of the victims to tears.

The Nov. 23 slaughter, which was condemned by the international community, was unprecedented even in a country known for election violence and political killings that have claimed hundreds of lives in the past decade.

Among the dead were more than 30 journalists and their staff—the deadliest known attack on media workers in the world. The killings elevated the Philippines to the top of a list of the world's most dangerous places for journalists.

At least 198 suspects have been charged in court with multiple murder, including members of the powerful Ampatuan clan that has ruled over southern Maguindanao province for years. Several more suspects remain at large.

The Ampatuans have been close political allies of Presi-



A Filipino activist holds a sign during a rally against the powerful Ampatuan clan outside the Department of Justice in Manila, Philippines on Monday April 19, 2010.

dent Gloria Macapagal Arroyo for years, helping her win elections in 2004.

Justice Secretary Alberto Agra said he has ordered prosecutors to remove the names of Zaldy Ampatuan, a former governor of a Muslim autonomous region, and his brother-in-law Akhmad from the charge sheets for lack of strong evidence linking them to the planning and staging of the carnage in Maguindanao's Ampatuan township.

"There is no evidence to prove conspiracy and there is evidence to support their alibi," Agra told The Associated Press.

Zaldy Ampatuan provided cell phone bills and airline tickets showing he was not at a Nov. 22 meeting where the killings were allegedly planned, or at the crime scene the next day, Agra said. Akhmad presented witnesses and pictures showing he was at a medical mission when the killings occurred, he said.

city of Mazar-i-Sharif, according to the province's deputy governor, Kulam Sakhi Baghlani. Roads and communications are sparse in the area, and casualty reports take time to reach authorities. The quake was felt in Kabul as well as the neighboring countries of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

### 3 Italian aid workers freed in Afghanistan

**KABUL (AP)**—Afghan authorities released three Italian medical workers who had been detained for a week, clearing them of allegations they were part of a Taliban plot to kill a provincial governor, Italian and Afghan officials said. The Afghan intelligence service said the three Italian as well as five Afghan employees of the Italian aid group Emergency were freed Sunday because they were no longer believed to be part of the plot. A sixth Afghan employee remained in custody. The nine Emergency employees were taken into custody April 10 after Afghan and British forces found explosives and handguns in an Emergency hospital in the southern Afghan province of Helmand.

# World

## EU says half of normal flights may run Monday

**AMSTERDAM (AP)**—Some European airports were reopening to limited traffic Monday after volcanic ash forced their closures, a day after the European Union said that if weather forecasts confirm the skies are clearing, air traffic over the continent could return to about 50 percent of normal levels.

Austrian authorities said they had reopened the country's airspace, though many flights remain canceled, and Stockholm's Arlanda Airport was reopening for limited air traffic after the country's aviation authority lifted airspace restrictions over a large part of the country. Most flights were still canceled.

Finland opened its Tampere and Turku airports but kept its main airport in Helsinki shut, and most Norwegian airspace had reopened starting Sunday evening, allowing mostly domestic flights to resume at Oslo's Gardermoen airport.

The prospects for a return to normal air travel remained far from clear, however. Authorities in Germany, Britain and the Netherlands said air space was still closed.

Several major airlines safely tested the skies with weekend flights that did not carry passengers. Germany temporarily loosened some airspace restrictions before the EU announcement Sunday evening, allowing limited operations from some of its largest airports before closing them again Sunday evening.

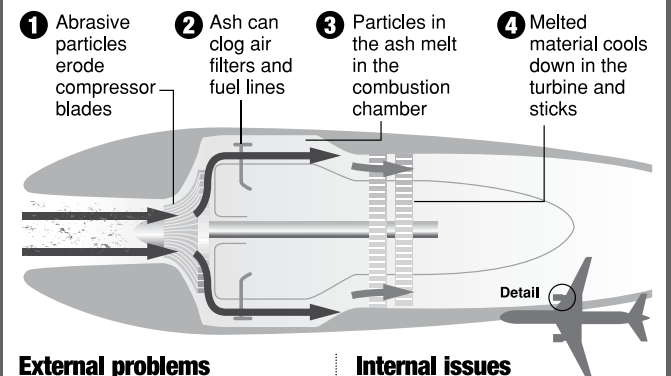
Other countries enforced closures on their national airspace through late Sunday, Monday or even Tuesday as meteorologists warned that the airborne ash was still unpredictable and potentially dangerous.

The shutdowns imposed

### Volcanic ash and airplanes

Volcanic ash is made up of tiny particles of rock and glass that can damage an aircraft's many parts and shut down engines.

#### How ash can damage jet engines



#### External problems

- Ash is highly abrasive; can easily scratch plastic, glass and metals
- Cockpit windows may become so scratched pilots may have difficulty seeing the runway for landing

Source: U.S. Geological Survey, Ehow.com

#### Internal issues

- Ash may travel through the ductwork; will clog air-filter systems and contaminate fixtures, carpeting, cushions
- May also damage electric system

Graphic: Los Angeles Times

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after an Icelandic volcano begun erupting Wednesday have stranded millions of travelers. They are costing the aviation industry, already reeling from a punishing economic period, at least \$200 million a day, according to the International Air Transport Association.

EU Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas told reporters in Brussels that "it is clear that this is not sustainable. We cannot just wait until this ash cloud dissipates."

Diego Lopez Garrido, state secretary for EU affairs for Spain, which holds the rotating EU presidency, said that "now it is necessary to adopt a European approach" instead of a patchwork of national closures and openings.

"Probably tomorrow one half of EU territory will be influenced. This means that half of the flights may be operating," Lopez Garrido said about conditions Monday.

France's transport minister,

Dominique Bussereau, said there will be a meeting on Monday of European ministers affected by the crisis to coordinate efforts to reopen airspace.

Regulators need to take into account that airlines from Holland to Austria flew successful test flights on Sunday despite official warnings about the dangers of the plume, Lopez Garrido said.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines said that by midday Sunday it had flown four planes through what it described as a gap in the layer of microscopic dust over Holland and Germany. The ash began spewing from an Icelandic volcano Wednesday and has drifted across most of Europe, shutting down airports as far south and east as Bulgaria.

Air France, Lufthansa and Austrian Airlines also sent up test flights, although most traveled below the altitudes where the ash has been heavily concentrated.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Tearful pope says church will better protect young

**VALLETTA, Malta (AP)**—With tears in his eyes, Pope Benedict XVI made his most personal gesture yet to respond to the clerical sex abuse scandal Sunday, telling victims the church will do everything possible to protect children and bring abusive priests to justice, the Vatican said. The emotional moment carried no new admissions from the Vatican, which has strongly rejected accusations that efforts to cover up for abusive priests were directed by the church hierarchy for decades. But the pontiff told the men that the church would "implement effective measures" to protect children, the Vatican said, without offering details. Benedict met for more than a half-hour with eight Maltese men who say they were abused by four priests when they were boys living at a Catholic orphanage. During the meeting in the chapel at the Vatican's embassy here, Benedict expressed

his "shame and sorrow" at the pain the men and their families suffered, the Vatican said.

#### Turkish Cypriot hard-liner wins election

**NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)**—Hard-line challenger Dervis Eroglu won a key Turkish Cypriot leadership election Sunday, vowing to continue peace talks amid fears his victory could grind reunification negotiations with the Greek Cypriots to a halt and scuttle Turkey's bid for European Union membership. Eroglu won just enough votes for an outright victory, with 50.38 percent, compared to leftist incumbent Mehmet Ali Talat's 42.85 percent, according to results posted on the Turkish Cypriot High Electoral Board's Web site. Candidates needed 50 percent plus one vote to avoid a runoff. It was a much closer race than expected, as opinion polls had consistently predicted Eroglu to win by a wide margin.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Work in China's quake zone switches to rebuilding

**JIEGU, China (AP)**—Heavy construction machinery and trucks carrying aid to earthquake survivors clogged streets Monday morning as this shattered town in remote western China turned to rebuilding, and search teams and other rescuers left. Thousands of Tibetan Buddhist monks stayed in Jiegu, however, picking at rubble with shovels, performing funeral rites and throwing food from the backs of trucks. Bedraggled survivors streamed from their tents and chased the trucks, the women scooping bread rolls and packets of instant noodles into the aprons of their traditional fur-lined robes.

#### 7 killed, 30 injured in northern Afghanistan quake

**KABUL (AP)**—A magnitude 5.3 earthquake struck in mountains north of Afghanistan's capital early Monday, killing at least seven people and injuring 30, officials said. The temblor hit just before 1 a.m. (2030 GMT Sunday) in Samangan province, about halfway between Kabul and the northern



# Overdrive

## Mitsubishi Evolution: Hot car, rich ride

By TOM INCANTALUPO  
NEWSDAY

There's nothing like a hot car to elevate one's mood. And the Mitsubishi Evolution most certainly qualifies as hot.

It has a 291-hp, turbocharged engine, all-wheel drive, a sport suspension, crisp steering and a superfast, no-nonsense, automated manual transmission that offers the advantages in vehicle control of a conventional manual without the need for clutching.

For 2010, Mitsubishi has added a more upscale MR Touring version of the Evolution, which gave me an excuse to take a fresh look at this special car.

Listing for almost \$44,000 as I sampled it, with a \$2,000 navigation package, the MR is an expensive ride, especially considering its roots as a compact economy car, the Lancer, which starts under \$15,000—and that Mitsubishi is a troubled brand, with sagging sales and market share.

And, while the MR is well equipped for that money, there are two glaring omissions. One is full adjustability of the Recaro front bucket seats. There's no way to raise or lower them, to adjust the lumbar support or to modify the angle of the bottom cushion—features available in cars costing half the price. The driver's seat is a bad place to cheap out in a serious driver's car. Second, the steering wheel tilts but does not telescope, as do those in



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### NUTS & BOLTS

#### 2010 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution MR Touring

**Engine:** 2.0-liter, four-cylinder, turbocharged 291 hp.

**Fuel:** Premium required

**Safety:** Seven air bags including driver knee; 4-wheel Brembo disc brakes

**Place of assembly:** Mizushima, Japan

**Trunk:** 6.9 cubic feet

**EPA fuel economy estimates:** 17 mpg, city; 22 highway

**Price as driven:** \$43,959 with freight

**Bottom line:** A lotta money for a Mitsubishi—even a hot one.

many cheaper cars.

Another thing to keep in mind: This is a performance sedan, so lots of engine, driveline and tire noise get into its cabin. Expect fuel economy averaging only in the high teens on most trips.

If you're comfortable behind the wheel, you will love driving this car and will find those Recaros pleasantly firm and supportive. Zero to 60 miles per hour is said to take about

five seconds.

Mitsubishi suggests swapping all-season or winter tires for the standard 245/40R18 Yokohama ADVAN rubber. I sampled this car during winter and can tell you from firsthand experience that the standard tires are poor performers on snow.

The Lancer has a warranty for three years or 36,000 miles, with five years/60,000 miles on the powertrain. It gets an almost perfect rating from the federal government for protection of occupants in crashes—five stars for the driver in a frontal or side crash but four for the passenger. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety calls it “good” in frontal and side protection.

Consumer Reports publishes no reliability ratings for the Lancer, but J.D. Power and Associates calls its quality and reliability below average.

Three Lancer Evolution models are available—all with the same engine and with all-wheel drive. Cheapest is a GSR starting at \$34,335, with a five-speed stick shift. An MR has the same six-speed twin clutch automated manual I sampled, along with Bilstein shocks and Eibach springs, two-piece front brake rotors for better heat dissipation, BBS forged-alloy wheels, high intensity discharge headlamps and additional interior features.

## Honda's Fit is a good fit

By STEVEN COLE SMITH  
THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

Fit is go!

That's the advertising slogan for the Honda Fit, which can be explained only by Honda's desire to pay slogan writers as little as possible. Fit is go! I mean, what did they turn down?

It certainly hasn't hurt Fit sales, which remain a comparative bright spot in the Honda lineup. The functional, high-waisted styling seems to work, when it didn't quite on the Suzuki Aerio. Inside, there's so much glass that you feel like you're in a rolling aquarium. It's

manual or automatic transmission. The Fit Sport adds several features to the base Fit, such as bigger Bridgestone tires and alloy wheels, fog lights, cruise control, a USB port, a security system, and a re-tuned suspension. Either Fit model comes with a 160-watt sound system, but the Sport has six speakers instead of four. Also, the Sport's automatic transmission has steering-wheel-mounted paddles that allow you to shift manually.

Base price on a Fit is \$14,900, which gets you a lot for the money. Our Fit Sport with the automatic transmission started at \$17,260, and with the op-

### HOW TO REPAIR YOUR CAR

## Disc brakes are better; drums are cheaper

By PAUL BRAND  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**Question:** Can you discuss the pros and cons of drum brakes vs. disc brakes, in terms of functionality and cost? It seems to me that with current manufacturing technology, disc brakes would be standard. I'm surprised that manufacturers still use drum brakes.

**Answer:** In terms of functionality and performance — the only perspective I deem important — disc brakes win hands down. Look at brake systems as small engines. The engine under the hood converts energy in fuel into heat and mechanically converts heat into work to move the vehicle. Each of the four brakes converts energy of motion back into heat, slowing the vehicle.

By the very nature of a rotating disc being squeezed by hydraulically applied brake pads, the rate of energy conversion of motion into heat in a disc-brake system is significantly higher than drum brakes. There's far more surface area on the two sides of the rotor than on the inside of a brake drum. In addition, because the disc/rotor is open to airflow, heat dissipation is far greater, as is the resistance to fade from overheating friction material.

So why still use drum brakes? Front brakes do most of the braking on motor vehicles. Load is transferred onto the front tires as the brakes are applied, increasing the grip or traction of the front

tires. This allows carmakers to engineer more brake capability into the front brakes than in the rear. So, on some light trucks and front-wheel-drive vehicles, the more-efficient disc brakes in the front do most of the stopping while the less-efficient drum brakes are still adequate as rear brakes.

From a cost perspective, I suspect the additional hardware — including calipers, mounting brackets and rotor/hub/wheel bearing assemblies — are more costly to manufacture than simple drums, backing plates,

**Q:** The timing belt and water pump were replaced on my '97 Mazda 626 at 105,000 miles, and now at idle the engine clatters like a diesel engine. Above 1,100 to 1,200 rpm, it goes away. Before this, the engine was always very quiet. Any clue about what might be causing this?

**A:** Engine clatter has several possible causes: carbon “knock” due to deposits on the tops of pistons, an issue with the camshaft friction gear/drive gear, low oil pressure or excess clearance between the hydraulic lash adjusters (HLAs) and cam lobes. A mechanic's stethoscope can help pinpoint where the noise is coming from, and if it's from the valve train on top of the cylinder head, a simple measurement of clearances between HLA and each cam lobe with a feeler gauge may identify a bad HLA. I'd also suggest

a mechanical check of oil pressure at idle, because low oil pressure could allow the HLAs to collapse.

**Q:** I have a 2003 Chevy S-10, purchased new. It developed an oil leak from the timing chain cover at 37,000 miles; it leaks less than a quart between oil changes. In spite of the low mileage, the dealership will discount the \$1,700 repair by only 10 percent. I retired just before the economic meltdown, and avoiding this kind of expenditure is a real priority. Are there any oil leak sealers that would help?

**A:** I doubt it, but feel free to try. So, you own a seven-year-old vehicle that leaks less than one quart of oil every 3,000 to 5,000 miles? Tell me again what the problem is? My vehicles would have to leak a lot more oil than that before I'd be concerned. Topping up the oil and putting a drip pan under the engine seems like the most cost-effective fix right now.

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### NUTS & BOLTS

**Base price:** \$14,900.

**Price as tested:** \$19,820.

**EPA rating:** 27 miles per gallon city driving, 33 mpg highway.

**Details:** Front-engine, front-wheel-drive with a 1.5-liter, 117-horsepower four-cylinder engine and a five-speed automatic transmission.

roomy, airy and, for such a small car, accommodating.

The 2010 Fit is only slightly different from the 2009 model, because that year's Fit was substantially restyled. Honda originally issued the Japanese-built Fit a passport to counter new competition—the Nissan Versa and the Toyota Yaris. Last year's redesign added four inches in length and a half-inch in width to the Fit.

The 2010 Fit comes in two flavors: the base model and the Sport. The Sport is sporty mostly in name, because all Fits are available with just one engine—a 1.5-liter, 117-horsepower four-cylinder—and a five-speed

tional navigation system and \$710 in shipping, total cost was \$19,820. That may sound like a lot extra for the nav system, but Honda also adds electronic stability control and traction control. At nearly \$20,000, this Fit seems like less a bargain, since it is well into Civic, and even Insight hybrid, territory.

That said, the little Fit is fun to drive, a hallmark of most all Hondas. Steering is precise, braking feel is linear, handling is better than you would think. The ride is choppy on rough pavement, fine everywhere else. The little engine is willing, and even with the automatic transmission, EPA-rated fuel mileage is 27 mpg city, 33 mpg highway, on regular gas.



## Life & Style

# Dos Equis presents The Zoo band in Guam

**D E D O , Guam**—Dos Equis, distributed by Mid Pac Distributors, presents “Rock of the Decades,” a benefit concert for the American Cancer Society’s, Relay for Life and the Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation, this April 29, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency Guam. The concert, a first in the Dos Equis Concert Series, will feature Zoo, Live on Guam!

This will be the ultimate tribute experience of the year! You can expect a high energy concert featuring the best rock songs from the 60’s, 70’s, 80’s and 90’s,” says James Castro, marketing manager for Tropical Productions. “They sound just like the original! A benefit concert that everyone of all ages will enjoy while supporting the fight against cancer with a portion of the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and the Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation.”

Tickets are available at all Circle K/76 locations and are \$40 for VIP seats and \$35 for general admission.

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### ZOO BAND

Hailed as the best Journey cover band, The Zoo is a Filipino rock band formed in 2006 in Manila, Philippines, managed by TV producer and manager Bert de Leon. The Zoo launched the international career of Arnel Pineda, their former lead singer, who is now the lead singer of Journey. The Zoo released their debut album “Zoology” in late 2007 while establishing themselves as a dependable live act in clubs such as Bagabarde and the Hard Rock Café in the Philippines. In January 2008, following the departure of Pineda to Journey, The Zoo recruited Reujen Lista to



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take over the lead vocalist slot. Current members of Zoo are: Reujen Lista, lead vocals; Monet Cajipe, guitar; Emil Bondoc, bass; Edgar Mendoza, keyboards; and Nathaniel Baruelo, drums.

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**LAS VEGAS (AP)**—Carrie Underwood made history at the Academy of Country Music Awards on Sunday night, becoming the first woman to win entertainer of the year twice.

Underwood won the show’s top honor last year. This year, she beat out Taylor Swift, Kenny Chesney, the Zac Brown Band, Toby Keith, Brad Paisley, George Strait and Keith Urban.

“I think I just got makeup all over Brad Paisley,” an excited Underwood said as she went onstage to accept her trophy. “Thank you, God, praise the Lord.”

Underwood also was recognized earlier in the evening with special trophy for “triple crown” of ACM wins—entertainer of the year, top female vocalist and top newcomer—in the course of her career.

Top-selling trio Lady Antebellum was the dominant winner though, grabbing five trophies. And the trio’s good friend, Miranda Lambert, won three awards.

Lady A, the top-selling trio that includes Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood, was the lead nominee, entering the show with seven. They snapped Rascal Flatts’ seven-year run as best vocal group and won song and single record of the year for the crossover hit “Need You Now” (they got two trophies for their single record of the year win because they also produced the record, and also got two trophies for their song of the year win because they composed it).

## Carrie Underwood wins ACM Entertainer of the Year



Carrie Underwood accepts the award for Entertainer of the Year at the 45th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas on Sunday, April 18, 2010.

“It’s just wild, man,” Kelley said. “You never know where a song can take you, and tonight is probably the pinnacle of our career.”

Adding to the emotion of the night for the group was wins by good friends Lambert and Luke Bryan. The trio broke into cheers

backstage when Lambert won top female vocalist. A stunned Lambert hugged Underwood as she made her way to the stage, then read off the names of the other nominees—Underwood, Swift, Reba McEntire and Lee Ann Womack.

“You’ve got to be kidding

me,” she said.

She also won album of the year for “Revolution,” an award Lady A openly lobbied for her to win, and video of the year for “White Liar.”

Lady A also could help celebrate the win of one of the night’s other winners, Luke Bryan, who nabbed top new artist. Lady A’s Kelley and Haywood helped their good buddy write his hit, “Do I.”

“Everything about tonight was honestly just so fun,” Kelley said. “If we could’ve gone down the list and scripted it ...”

Lambert also won top female vocalist, snapping Carrie Underwood’s three-year run in that category.

Paisley, after a performance

of his single “Water” where he fell backward into a pool of water on stage, won top male vocalist of the year for the fourth consecutive time.

And Brooks & Dunn, who are retiring after a summer tour, won best vocal duo for the 10th time in their two-decade long career.

“We are currently in therapy with Brett Favre trying to figure out how to waffle on this,” Kix Brooks joked after the win.

The show was heavy on performances. It kicked off with Underwood and Lambert, joined on stage later by Paisley, Charlie Daniels and John Fogerty, who ripped through a rendition of Creedence Clearwater Revival’s “Travelin’ Band.”

### WINNERS LIST

#### List of winners at the 45th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards from Las Vegas:

- Entertainer of the year: **Carrie Underwood**
- Top male vocalist: **Brad Paisley**
- Top female vocalist: **Miranda Lambert**
- Top vocal group: **Lady Antebellum**
- Top vocal duo: **Brooks & Dunn**
- Top new artist: **Luke Bryan**
- Top new solo vocalist: **Luke Bryan**
- Top new vocal duo: **Joey + Rory**
- Top new vocal group: **Gloriana**
- Album of the year: **“Revolution,”** Miranda Lambert
- Single record of the year: **“Need You Now,”** Lady Antebellum
- Song of the year: **“Need You Now,”** Lady Antebellum
- Video of the year: **“White Liar,”** Miranda Lambert
- Vocal event of the year: **“Hillbilly Bone,”** Blake Shelton featuring Trace Adkins

“That’s how you start a television show, son!” shouted Daniels, who recently recovered from a stroke.

Swift, who won album of the year last year, was shut out this year, despite being nominated for five awards; it might have been the first awards show since her pop superstardom where she didn’t take home a trophy. But she had a big performance: She began her rendition of “Change” while soaring over the crowd on a platform. She ripped off her white dress and reveal a black outfit underneath, made her way through the crowd and joined the Tritones, a college a capella group on stage for a spirited chorus. She then fell backward into a crowd of fans.

The Zac Brown Band—one of eight nominees for entertainer of the year—wasn’t able to make a show because of a USO tour in the Middle East. But the band sent video of a performance of “Chicken Fried” from overseas that included altered lyrics aimed at the military.

Toby Keith hit an emotional note with a performance of “Cryin’ For Me (Wayman’s Song),” dedicated to his late friend, jazz artist and former basketball star Wayman Tisdale, who died last May.

The show also had its share of non-country celebrities, including LL Cool J, Olympic gold medalist Lindsey Vonn and Las Vegas staple Cher, who goofed when she announced that Blake Shelton had already won a CMA Award—instead of an ACM—the previous evening.



# A royal widow takes on the 'realists' over nukes



In this April 13, 2010 photo, Queen Noor al-Hussein of Jordan poses during an interview in McLean, Va.

**McLEAN, Va. (AP)**—Tweeting, Skyping and blogging on Huffington Post, holding forth on CNN or al-Jazeera, debriefing arms negotiators and parleying with generals, the queen is perfecting her nuclear strategy.

Her strategy is to get rid of them.

Noor al-Hussein, widowed queen of Jordan, the American beauty whose storybook romance with the late King Hussein captivated the world a generation ago, is now telling a story of nuclear calamity and how to avoid it, as co-leader and omnipresent voice for Global Zero, a growing movement crusading for abolition of atomic weaponry.

Her organization's study commission of former missile commanders, foreign and defense secretaries, arms control specialists and others has proposed a step-by-step, 20-year plan for eliminating all nuclear arms—in the U.S., Russia, China, wherever.

"Realists" on the international scene might ask: Are you serious?

She is. She also sounds like a realist.

"We recognize it could take much longer, that it's going to be a torturous road ahead," she says.

The road thus far for the 2-year-old organization has been smooth and successful, judging from the impressive "who's who" of world leadership climbing aboard its campaign wagon, some 200 names, from Mikhail Gorbachev and Jimmy Carter to a platoon of retired brass from the Pentagon and the Russian, Chinese and other militaries.

Global Zero scored a coup in February when George P.

Shultz, President Ronald Reagan's secretary of state, a gray eminence from the conservative heyday, took part in the organization's Paris "summit."

Noor said she is most encouraged by the new U.S.-Russian arms reduction treaty and other "historic steps" taken by Barack Obama and Dmitry Medvedev, who have jointly embraced a no-nukes goal. The Kremlin leader even works the term "global zero" into his rhetoric.

"It's just so heartening to see the Russian and American presidents coming together and discussing these very difficult issues," she told The Associated Press. On this day, the second in last week's two-day Washington summit on keeping nuclear material out of terrorists' hands, a young campaigner delivered Global Zero's declaration to the White House. Some 380,000 people worldwide have signed up online.

Five miles up the Potomac in woody McLean, meanwhile, Noor met with a reporter in her hillside compound of sumptuously furnished home and office. The Washington-born former Lisa Halaby was relaxed, gracious and elegant in a sheath dress of soft periwinkle blue—a star-quality presence that is helping raise the abolition movement's profile.

She was also deeply engaged, tackling questions about the esoterica of the nuclear age with gusto, and with knowledge.

Now 58, a widow for more than a decade, her four children all grown and on their own, Queen Noor has clearly made it her mission to immerse herself in the world of doomsday arms, learning from such old hands as Reagan arms negotiator Richard Burt, her

co-leader of Global Zero.

She takes the "realists" head on—"those locked into a Cold War thought process."

"Many will react skeptically, in a black-and-white fashion, to what we're saying, saying, 'So, you want the United States to give up all its weapons like that?' or, 'You expect Russia to abandon its arsenals?'"

"No. It takes time," she said. "It's a step-by-step process and we have laid out the phases under which that needs to take place."

That process was conceived by a study commission counting among its 23 members a former U.S. Atlantic Command chief, an ex-head of Russian strategic forces, and a retired Chinese military strategist, along with other military, political and scientific luminaries from seven nuclear powers, plus Japan and Germany.

Their plan calls for the U.S. and Russia to negotiate deeper bilateral cuts in their arsenals, to 1,000 warheads each by 2018. Meanwhile, beginning in mid-decade, all other nuclear-armed nations for the first time would enter multilateral talks to reduce their weapons in proportion to continuing U.S. and Russian cuts. All would reach zero by 2030.

The ambitious plan would require transparency, ironclad verification, no-notice, on-site inspections—an intrusiveness the nuclear powers might resist. It would also seem to require a great easing of tensions between nuclear-armed India and Pakistan, for example, and for nuclear-armed Israel.

Such factors make de-nuclearization unlikely for decades to come, many believe, among them apparently Obama, who says his no-nukes goal "will not be reached quickly—perhaps not in my lifetime."

"I'm not discouraged," Queen Noor said of the president's statement. "But I don't necessarily agree with him that it's not possible to happen in his lifetime."

Finding mechanisms for verifying and enforcing a world without atomic bombs will require lengthy, intense, detailed negotiations, she acknowledged. But already these things are being researched by a range of governments and think tanks, "not just Global Zero," she said.

With diverse foundation funding led by Canada's Simons Foundation, Global Zero looks like it's in this high-stakes planetary debate for the long haul. So does Noor, a past activist in campaigns against land mines and cluster bombs who was recruited for leadership in 2008 by Global Zero co-founder Bruce Blair, a U.S. arms-control scholar.

"Wherever I can be useful to the movement, I'm there," she said.

She and fellow campaigners place considerable hope in "Countdown to Zero," a documentary film premiering in U.S. theaters July 9.

## DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### †DANIEL TENORIO VILLAGOMEZ

January 22, 1936 - April 14, 2010

*His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:*

**WIFE:** Rosario DLG Villagomez

**CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN & GREAT GRANDCHILDREN:**

✦ Barbara DLG Villagomez

✦ Joseph DLG Villagomez (Lorenzo Xavier Q. Villagomez, Marjorie Denise V. & Leonard Pangelinan, Ashley Mae Q. Villagomez & James, Jenna Marie Q. Villagomez, Rosie Adaline Q. Villagomez, Cierra Jade Q. Villagomez)

✦ Lorina DLG Villagomez & Paul Manglona (Daniel Glenn V. Iglecias & Beth (Ha'ane), Alexis V. Iglecias (Arion), Daena V. Iglecias, Shanelle V. Iglecias, A.J.V. Iglecias)

✦ Julie June DLG Villagomez & John Fortin (Joaquin Manuel V. Celis, Julia V. Garrido, Rodanee DLG Villagomez)

✦ Antonia V. & Ian Carr (Jesse DLG Villagomez & Dina, Stephanie V. Blas & Josh, Renee V. Blas, Robert Daniel V. Carr, Ian V. Carr)

✦ Daniel DLG Villagomez & Tina Marie Blas (Terranica B. Villagomez, Daro Jay B. Villagomez)

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Cecilia M. Villagomez

Remedio DLG Villagomez

Vicenta A. Villagomez

Remedio A. Villagomez

Magdalena J. Villagomez

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Ramona DLG & John Pangelinan

Lourdes DLG Nakazato

Bernadita DLG & John Diego Urumellog

*In his new life, he now joins his:*

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†Jose Sema & †Antonia Tenorio Villagomez

**BROTHERS:**

†Roman T. Villagomez

†Antonio T. Villagomez

†Jesus T. Villagomez

†Joaquin T. Villagomez

†Jose T. Villagomez

**BROTHER-IN-LAW:**

†Vicente Deleon Guerrero

†Takeo Nakazato

Mass is being offered at St Jude Church every evening at 6:00pm on Monday thru Friday; 7:00am on Saturday; and 8:00am on Sunday. Nightly rosary is being said at 6:45pm.

On Thursday, April 22, 2010, our beloved +Daniel will be escorted from Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 8:00am to St.Jude Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by interment services at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Please join us in prayers.

**The Family**

## DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### Delgadina Villanueva Santos

**Fondly called "Del"**

Born September 7, 1948 and Died on April 15, 2010

*'Then he adds. Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more'*

—Hebrew 10:17

**NOW JOINS:**

**Son:**

†Paul Villanueva Ada the First

**Grandson:**

†Herman Indalecio Ada

**Grandson:**

†John Paul Egipto Ada

**Mother:**

†Antonia Pangelinan Sablan

**Father:**

†Antonio Aldan Villanueva

**Step Father:**

†Eulogio Torres Sablan

**Brother:**

†Francisco Pangelinan Villanueva

**Brother:**

†Joaquin Pangelinan Villanueva

**Brother:**

†Antonio Pangelinan Villanueva

**Sister:**

†Alicia Pangelinan Sablan

**Sister-In-Law:**

†Margarita Basa Villanueva

**Father/Mother In-Law:**

†Pedro (Torres)/ Sophia Aguon Santos

**Son-In-Law:**

†Odilio DLC. Cabrera

**Nephew:**

†Gary Glenn Basa Villanueva

**SHE WILL BE MISSED BY:**

**Husband:**

Nicolas Aguon Santos

**Daughter:**

Josephine Ada Cabrera / Children (Texas)

**Son:**

Joseph Villanueva Ada / Children (Hawaii)

**Son:**

James Villanueva Ada / Bertha / Children (Saipan)

**Son:**

Paul Villanueva Ada / Tricilla / Children (Florida)

**Son:**

Pedro E. / Antonia Santos (Guam), Sophia E. Santos (Guam), Edward

**Rear Children:**

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(Oklahoma), Francisco E. / Lyn Santos (Philippines), Nicolas Jr. /

Rebecca Santos (Guam), Sandra E. / Ralph Ada (Guam), William E. /

Angela Santos (Saipan), Nicolas Anthony V. Santos (Guam), Delgadina

Rae V. Santos (Florida)

**Siblings:**

Patricia P. Sablan / Children, Diana P. / Bill Salas / Children, Eulogio

P. Dawn Sablan / Children, Alexander colonel / Romila Sablan /

Children, Ana S. Romeo Yutig / Children, George S. / Joaquina Sablan

/ Children, Vicente / Martina D. Camacho / Children

Sally B. Villanueva / Children, Agnes D. Villanueva / Children

**In-Laws:**

Rosary offered at 7:30 pm at Kristo Rai Church. Remains will be escorted to Capital Hill at Santos' Residence and from there will proceed to Kristo Rai Church. On Friday April 23rd viewing and final rosary starts at 7:00am to 10:00am at Kristo Rai Church.

Mass will be at 10:00 am followed by Christian Burial at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery. Lunch will be served at Kristo Rai Social Hall following the Mass.

**Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase Ginen I Familia Todo**





Conan O'Brien arrives at the 55th annual Emmy Award show in Los Angeles, California, on Sunday, September 21, 2003.

# What's Conan O'Brien like? Just ask his in-laws

By NICOLE BRODEUR  
THE SEATTLE TIMES

**SEATTLE**—So this wisenheimer your daughter married loses his job to a guy who thinks he's a comedian.

And he isn't just called into a room and told to pack up his stuff. This thing was like the Fourth of July at the National Mall. The whole country was watching, oohing and ahing at every blast.

You feel bad for him, for this was his dream job; something he'd been working toward his whole life. But he got a hell of a severance package, and your daughter is still laughing when you talk on the phone.

"They're doing great," Jake Powell says of his son-in-law, Conan O'Brien, and his daughter, Liza, who were married at Seattle's St. James Cathedral in 2002. "Conan really has, for the

first time in a decade, had the chance to think about what he wants to do with his career."

(TBS officials announced earlier this week that O'Brien will host an 11 p.m. EDT show weeknights starting in November on the basic-cable network.)

In the three months since NBC tipped O'Brien out of "The Tonight Show" chair and rolled it back to former host Jay Leno, O'Brien has collected a \$32 million severance package, which prohibits him from speaking to the press.

But the network's about-face spawned an "I'm With Coco" army on Facebook (O'Brien was given the nickname by Tom Hanks). And in his time off the air, O'Brien grew a beard and kept up a Twitter account. (A sampling: "just celebrated the end of Lent by eating 22 sleeves of Peeps. My religion rocks!" "I'm confused by the new census form. There's no box for 'Sickly White.'")

On Monday, he launched his 30-city "The Legally Prohibited From Being Funny on Television Tour." The show includes his former co-host Andy Richter, along with members of the former "Tonight Show" band, save for leader and drummer Max Weinberg.

Powell knows that when the tour hits Seattle, Conan and Liza will spend time at his home, where Powell, a retired insurance man and jazz musician,

and his wife, Pamela, will keep a happy eye on their grandkids, Neve and Beckett.

"We're either baby-sitting or we're just kind of hanging out together at our house," Powell said of their plans. "My daughter has a lot of friends here, and Conan loves to hang out with them."

It all sounds pretty normal—even the O'Briens' \$10 million house in Brentwood, Calif., which Powell described as "fairly modest."

O'Brien met Liza Powell when he was hosting "Late Night." They were making a commercial makeover for the "worst advertisers" on one of NBC's affiliates in Texas, and Liza Powell's company was hired to produce it. She appeared on camera with Conan, "and you could see the connection forming right in front of your eyes," Powell recalled. "Not too many parents get to see that."

She brought him home, he brought her home and a year or so later, Liza and Conan were sitting with florist Martha Harris, picking out flowers for their wedding. Liza had worked for Harris when she was living in Seattle.

"I had heard that she was dating him through a friend of hers who was working for me," Harris said. "I thought, 'Good job. New York was a good move.'"

When O'Brien kicked off "The Tonight Show" in 2009, he chose Seattle's Pearl Jam as his first musical guest. Workers were still

putting the backstage area together when the band arrived.

"The show was running right down to the wire," said Mike McCready, Pearl Jam's lead guitarist. "I just remember how cool Conan was to us backstage. We talked some Seattle stuff. He likes it here."

"We were, of course, honored and excited to be part of his first show," McCready said. "I loved it. I still have the sign with our name with the 'Tonight Show' logo on it. I ripped it from the door when I got there."

Just seven months later, NBC announced that Leno's name would go back on the door.

The Powells traveled to Los Angeles to watch O'Brien host "The Tonight Show" for the last time.

"It was very impressive," Jake Powell said. "He made a classic comment at the end of the show, telling people to be kind. He has always taken the high road and has always been classy about the way he handles things."

The show staff, without knowing that the Powells were family, raved about their boss.

"He's a great guy and his ambition all his life was to be Johnny Carson, that kind of person," Powell said of O'Brien. "He loves doing that, loves making people laugh and being in touch with what's going on, here and now."

"And I think he's going to keep doing that," he said, "one way or another."

## EU president publishes Haiku poetry book

**BRUSSELS (AP)**—European Union President Herman van Rompuy published a book of Haiku on Thursday, saying the dreamy Japanese poetry offers relief from a chaotic world.

"Our time is in need of simplicity," Van Rompuy, 62, told friends at the Belgian parliament marking the publication of 95 of his Haiku—unrhymed three-line poems with 17 syllables in all.

The Dutch-speaking former Belgian premier was little known when he became EU president Jan. 1, the surprise choice of the leaders of the 27 EU nations.

"I don't think I will set a trend" at the EU, Van Rompuy said of his Haiku hobby.

In his book—called simply Haiku—his poems in the original Dutch language appear on the recto pages. The verso pages show the translations in English, French, German and Latin.

Van Rompuy said what appeals to him in Haiku—which means "playful verse"—are references to nature and "the great wheel of life" in the Buddhist tradition.

"Haiku is an awakening of the spirit. Away from technocratic rationality, away from the sophistication, attention seeking and 'glitter,'" he said.

In Haiku the first and the last line each contain five syllables and the middle line seven. Within these strict confines the poet seeks to express an intense experience of joy or surprise.

Here are two samples of how Van Rompuy does that:

"Around six, birds / ushering in the morning / audible spring."

"The cold of frost chisels / fine shoe-tracks in

the clay / tomorrow mud day"

Van Rompuy began showing off his fascination with haiku last October when he concluded a speech in Brussels with a poem.

"I created a momentum which has been hard to stop ever since," he writes in the foreword of his book. "I have been flooded with volumes of Haiku poets from all over Europe and by poems from people who suddenly feel a calling to Haiku."

Worldwide there are only 4,000 or so volumes, often no more than booklets, of Haiku.



European Union President Herman Van Rompuy gestures as he reads from a copy of his anthology of haiku, three-line Japanese poems of just 17 syllables, at a presentation in Brussels, Thursday, April 15, 2010.

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### Kick-Ass

Friday	4:30	7:25	9:50
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Sunday	1:10	4:30	7:25
Mon thru Thurs	4:30	7:25	

**Aaron Johnson, Nicolas Cage**  
 Action • Rated R

### Synopsis

Mark Millar's violent comic tale of wannabe superheroes is adapted by writer/director Matthew Vaughn (Layer Cake) with this Marv Films production. Aaron Johnson stars as a teen who steps out of his house one day with a mask and a painted baseball bat and starts to fight crime even though he has no superpowers. Lyndsy Fonseca co-stars as the character's object of desire, with Nicolas Cage also appearing as an ex-cop whose hatred of a drug lord forces him to train his daughter to be a lethal vigilante.



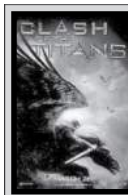
### Date Night

Friday	4:10	7:30	9:35
Saturday	1:20	4:10	7:30
Sunday	1:20	4:10	7:30
Mon thru Thurs	4:10	7:30	

**Steve Carrell, Tina Fey**  
 Comedy • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

Steve Carrell and Tina Fey star in director Shawn Levy's comedy about a couple whose routine date night becomes anything but when dinner and a movie just won't suffice anymore. Their union in imminent danger of becoming hopelessly monotonous, the desperate couple goes to unprecedented lengths in order to preserve the spark.



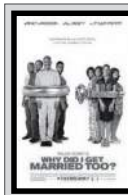
### Clash Of The Titans

Friday	4:25	7:20	9:45
Saturday	1:25	4:25	7:20
Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:20
Mon thru Thurs	4:25	7:20	

**Sam Worthington**  
 Fantasy • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

The 1981 mythological fantasy adventure Clash of the Titans is resurrected in this remake from Incredible Hulk director Louis Leterrier and veteran writer Lawrence Kasdan. The joint Legendary Films/Warner Bros. production focuses on Perseus (Sam Worthington), the mortal hero made to carry out a series of quests by the gods in order to win the hand of the imprisoned princess Andromeda.



### Why Did I Get Married Too?

Friday	4:20	7:05	9:40
Saturday	1:05	4:20	7:05
Sunday	1:05	4:20	7:05
Mon thru Thurs	4:20	7:05	

**Janet Jackson, Tyler Perry**  
 Comedy • Rated PG 13



### How To Train Your Dragon

Friday	4:00	7:00	9:30
Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00
Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00
Mon thru Thurs	4:00	7:00	

**Gerald Butler, America Ferrera**  
 Children, Family • Rated PG



### Hot Tub Time Machine

Friday	4:05	7:10	9:55
Saturday	1:30	4:05	7:10
Sunday	1:30	4:05	7:10
Mon thru Thurs	4:05	7:10	

**John Cusack, Robert Corddry**  
 Comedy • Rated R



### Alice in Wonderland

Friday	4:15	7:15	10:00
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15
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**Johnny Depp, Anne Hathaway**  
 Fantasy • Rated PG

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# Kirstie Alley keeps it real in A&E's 'Big Life'

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Kirstie Alley has found comedy in reality TV with A&E's "Big Life." But she's still got her eye on scripted shows.

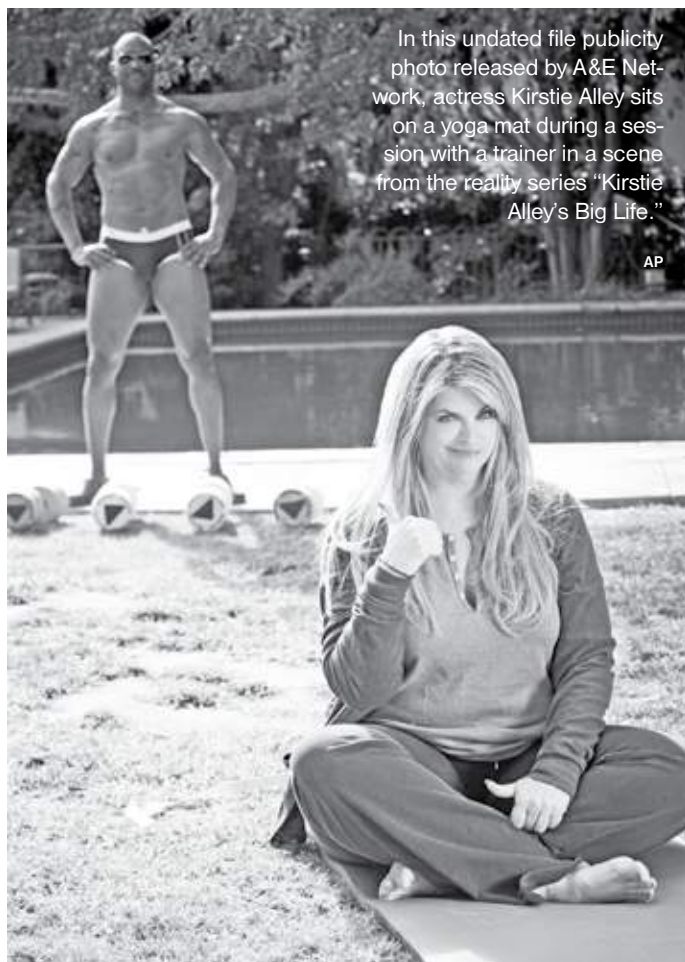
Alley said she would adore guest roles on "Glee" and "Modern Family" and knows exactly what they should be. On Fox's show about a high school glee club, Alley could see herself as an acting coach in search of singing talent for a musical. On ABC's "Modern Family," she's itching for a more maternal part.

"I want to play the gay guy's mom," she said, referring to the heavysset character of Cameron, partner to Mitchell (actors Eric Stonestreet, Jesse Tyler Ferguson). "And they've got to do it quick, while I'm still plump."

As viewers of her "Kirstie Alley's Big Life" know, the actress is intent on shedding the pounds that have routinely landed her on the covers of what she dismisses as "rag magazines."

Articles and photos that she says distort her and her life are part of the reason she decided to appear in her first reality series.

"Anything bad you can say



about me, they say. I've never collapsed, fainted, passed out. Basically, anything they've said, I never. The only true thing is I got fat," Alley said.

She also sees the show as a vehicle to work with her teenage son and daughter, True and Lillie, and to provide a realistic take on weight loss.

"I wanted people to watch the journey of it, instead of me showing up with, 'Oh, I'm skinny,'" said Alley, 59.

The ex-Jenny Craig spokeswoman, who regained weight she lost on the program, is aiming to drop 80 pounds through an organic regimen she's launched. Before she gained weight about five years ago, she said, she was used to carrying a svelte 130 pounds or so on her 5-foot-8 frame.

The Emmy-winning "Cheers" and "Veronica's Closet" sitcom star is enjoying her foray into reality TV after a brief period of adjustment to being on camera as herself in "Big Life" (airing Sunday).

"The show feels like a comedy to me. It's the definition of an actual sitcom," she said.

## Teenager's puppy love delivers a painful bite

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 13, and my "first kiss" just broke up with me. My dad says it's just puppy love, which may be true, but I have a feeling that I need to be with him. What hurts even more is he had a new girlfriend the next day.

I have tried moving on, but I don't think I want to. I want to try to get back with him, but I don't know how. Can you help me?

ACHING HEART IN IOWA



*Dear Abby*

**DEAR ACHING HEART:** If your "first kiss" broke up with you and had a new girlfriend the next day, what it shows about him is that he has a short attention span. I know you would like to get him back, but the word from here is: Don't waste your time. While the end of a romance is painful, chalk it up to experience and a part of growing up. There is no growth without a little pain; and it only hurts for a little while. Trust me on that.

Now a little advice woman-to-woman: Once it's over, all the note writing, phoning or conniving will not help your cause. Accept that it's time to forget him. The longer you linger, the more foolish you will appear. So stand up straight, smile and move on. There are better days—and better boys—ahead.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Would you please print this to educate your readers about something I witness every summer—parents encouraging little kids to take native wildlife.

I watched a 6-year-old girl show off the two palm-sized baby turtles her dad had "given" her from the lake, and put them into a plastic container to take home. Abby, they were snapping turtles! Mom won't be pleased when those "pets" snap a finger.

Then there was the mom who thought it would be fun for her 7-year-old boy to play with a few frogs in their dry, dense, sun-drenched backyard. Within an hour, the amphibians had escaped and, best guess is, they died and became dehydrated, sun-dried critters or dog food.

Abby, not only is it illegal to take wildlife on a whim, but it's also selfish. At a time when we're already damaging our planet for our recreational pastimes, we need to be teaching our kids that living beings are not toys, but rather a valuable part of natural ecosystems. It's so much more fun to observe and learn from a turtle swimming free in the lake. Please urge parents to stop being so thoughtless, or they may end up with a ticket or a missing digit.

WILDLIFE PRESERVER IN LAFAYETTE, COLO.

**DEAR WILDLIFE PRESERVER:** Well said. Children—and too many adults—act on impulse when they pick wild plants and flowers, or decide to "adopt" little feral creatures that are destined to die when taken from their natural habitat. Earth Day is April 22—that's Thursday—and it offers a chance for all of us to do something positive for the planet. Many parents use it as an opportunity to bond with their children, and some schools offer credit to students who participate. (Hint, hint.)

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**DEAR ABBY:** How do you attract single women while on a budget?

GARY IN LONGWOOD, FLA.

**DEAR GARY:** Matinees cost less for admission than late shows, and if there are any museums that are not too far away, check out free museum days. A picnic in the park or a day at the beach doesn't cost a lot—and neither do outdoor activities such as biking or hiking. You really don't have to have a lot of money to attract a nice woman. And anyone who makes you feel otherwise is someone you should run from.

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## Bone Thugs-N-Harmony rapper denies hitting mother

**ATLANTA (AP)**—A rapper from the group Bone Thugs-N-Harmony said this week that he did not hit his mother with a gun more than a decade ago, a charge that led to his arrest during a recent concert in Ohio.

Flesh-N-Bone, whose real name is Stanley Howse, said he was unaware of the domestic

violence and felonious assault charges from 1998 when he was taken into custody last month during a show in the group's hometown of Cleveland.

Sheriff's spokesman John O'Brien said then that deputies didn't wait until after the show because Howse seemed to notice them, invited audi-

ence members to the stage and tried to slip out. He was arrested backstage.

The 36-year-old rapper said Wednesday night before a concert in Atlanta that he did not remember the 1998 incident. He is accused of leaving a 1-inch gash on his mother's head. O'Brien said his mother and two wit-

nesses described the incident.

"It didn't happen," Howse said while group members Krayzie Bone, Layzie Bone and Wish Bone sat beside him. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony is currently on a promotional tour for the upcoming album, "Uni-5: The World's Enemy," which will be released May 4.

## 'Dragon,' 'Kick-Ass' tussle for box-office win

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—It's another photo finish at the weekend box office, with the No. 1 spot too close to call between the animated adventure "How to Train Your Dragon" and the superhero comedy "Kick-Ass."

Distributor Paramount reported Sunday that DreamWorks Animation's "How to Train Your Dragon" took in \$20 million, while "Kick-Ass" distributor Lionsgate reported its movie debuting at \$19.75 million.

With just \$250,000 separating them, either movie could end up at No. 1 when studios release final weekend numbers Monday.

The previous weekend, 20th Century Fox's comedy "Date Night" led the Warner Bros. action tale "Clash of the Titans" by about the same amount based on Sunday estimates. But "Clash of the Titans" came out on top by \$1.4 million when final numbers were reported Monday, with "Date Night" pulling in nearly \$2 million less than 20th Century Fox had estimated a day earlier.

"I've never seen two weeks in a row like this where the top movies could easily flip-flop," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com.

Weekend projections include fairly hard figures for Friday and Saturday, but studios have to estimate how much a movie will take in on Sunday. Final

figures Monday can rise or fall once precise revenues for Sunday are calculated.

Executives for both DreamWorks Animation and Lionsgate said they were tracking their own movies ahead of the competition.

"Our information is indicating that we are at No. 1," said Anne Globe, head of marketing for DreamWorks Animation, whose "How to Train Your Dragon" debuted in first place in late March and slipped to No. 3 the next two weekends before climbing the chart again.

Lionsgate head of distribution David Spitz said he had tracked "Kick-Ass" in first place over "How to Train Your Dragon."

"I don't see them grossing \$20 million, but I've been wrong before. I can promise you 24 hours from now, we will know who's right and who's wrong," Spitz said. "It would have been neat to say, 'Hey, we're the clear-cut No. 1.'"

Other studios were divided on which film led, some giving the weekend to "How to Train Your Dragon," others to "Kick-Ass."

Finishing first at the box office is a valuable marketing tool, with the winning studio able to declare its movie No. 1 in advertisements through the following weekend.

"Kick-Ass" features Aaron Johnson as a teen comic-book

1. **"How to Train Your Dragon,"** \$20 million.
2. **"Kick-Ass,"** \$19.75 million.
3. **"Date Night,"** \$17.3 million.
4. **"Death at a Funeral,"** \$17 million.
5. **"Clash of the Titans,"** \$15.8 million.
6. **"The Last Song,"** \$5.8 million.
7. **"Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?,"** \$4.2 million.
8. **"Hot Tub Time Machine,"** \$3.55 million.
9. **"Alice in Wonderland,"** \$3.54 million.
10. **"The Bounty Hunter,"** \$3.2 million.

geek who becomes a self-proclaimed superhero, eventually teaming up with a vigilante dad (Nicolas Cage) and his 11-year-old daughter (Chloe Grace Moretz).

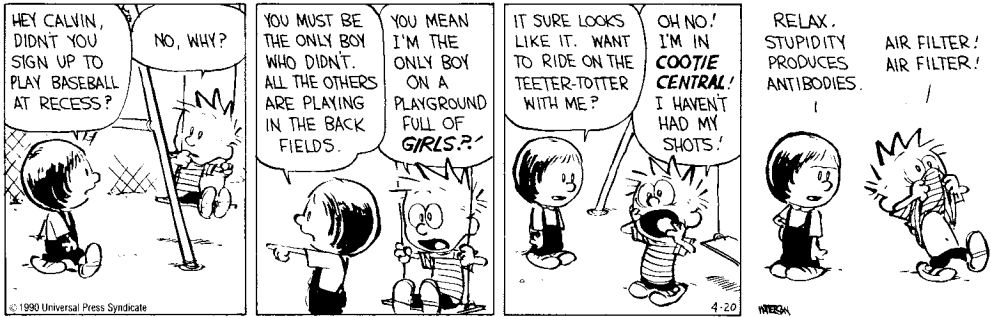
The movie had a solid though unremarkable debut, yet box-office analysts expected "Kick-Ass" to open with bigger numbers. It received generally good reviews, but the R-rated movie's hardcore violence and language—much of it revolving around Moretz's character—was a drawback for some viewers.

While box-office photo finishes are unusual, "How to Train Your Dragon" also was a rarity as a holdover competing for the No. 1 spot. The movie about a Viking teen and his dragon pal



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37 Drunkard

38 Elk

41 Resistance measure

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43 People of Lhasa

48 Show-room sample

49 Anger

50 Medley

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37 That woman

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46 Actress Vardalos

47 See 37-Across

Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterday's answer 4-20

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Joey Lawrence, 34; Carmen Electra, 38; Jessica Lange, 61; Ryan O'Neal, 69

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Refrain from spreading yourself too thin. You may think you can conquer the world but you need more time in order to do a good job. Focus on what's important and keep a level head. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Home, family and friends should be your focus but, be aware that someone you live with may not be happy sharing your time with others. Plan a vacation or trip that allows you to nurture important relationships. ★★★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't take chances. Be specific and ask the right questions if you don't want to be left out or misguided. Stick close to home and take care of personal business. Expect a change and be prepared to reconstruct your plans. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Lend a helping hand. The people you encounter while offering your services will enhance your life in many ways. You can make a professional change that will give you greater responsibility and more perks. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Clear up any matters you have with institutions or government agencies. The less you leave dangling, the easier it will be to move forward and get a foothold on your future. You can make an offer or negotiate a contract. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Let everyone know what you are up to and you will get all the help you need to not only reach your goals but surpass them. Doors are opening, partnerships are brewing and opportunities to make some major changes to your life are apparent. Love and romance are in a high cycle. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Avoid emotional encounters. Focus on money, financing and making your space at home comfortable and affordable. Make whatever transitions necessary to lighten your responsibilities and ease your stress. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't waste time on people or projects that don't count. Don't be afraid to change your plans midstream if it works for you. A positive experience will brighten your attitude and change your world. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Forge ahead with plans to alter your surroundings or make them more conducive to reaching your goals. A little tender, loving care put into your home, family and future will be needed if you don't want to face changes brought on by someone else. Procrastination will be what gets you into trouble. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Concentrate

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on financial and family matters putting time, energy and thought into your domestic scene. Talks will lead to great ideas. Love will be enhanced as you work collectively toward a better future. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You may not want to listen to advice being offered but you should. Acting professionally or financially without a plan will increase the chances of someone outmaneuvering you. Sign up for anything that can help you better your skills and your chance to get ahead. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You may feel like bringing about change but incorporating the old with the new will make more sense and bring a better return. Pull out your old ideas and plans and give them a new angle. An old relationship may be a key factor. ★★★★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

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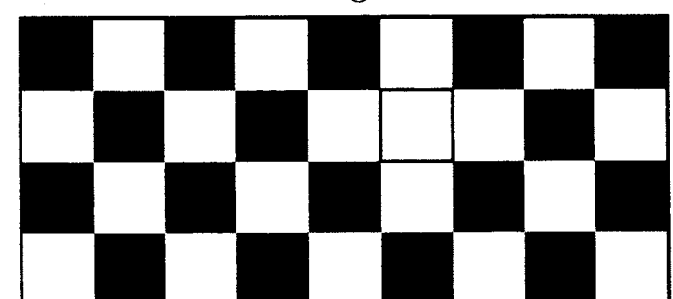
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**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Pau Gasol scored 19 points, Andrew Bynum added 13 and the Los Angeles Lakers used their twin 7-footers to dominate inside against the Oklahoma City Thunder, winning 87-79 Sunday in the opener of their playoff series.

Kobe Bryant added 21 points on 6 of 19 shooting after missing four of the final five regular season games to rest his swollen right knee and broken right index finger.

Kevin Durant led the Thunder with 24 points—under the 30.1 average of the NBA's youngest-ever scoring champion. Former UCLA star Russell Westbrook added 23.

Bynum returned from a 13-game absence because of a strained right Achilles' tendon, teaming with Gasol to pull down a combined 25 rebounds and deny the Thunder key second-chance baskets.

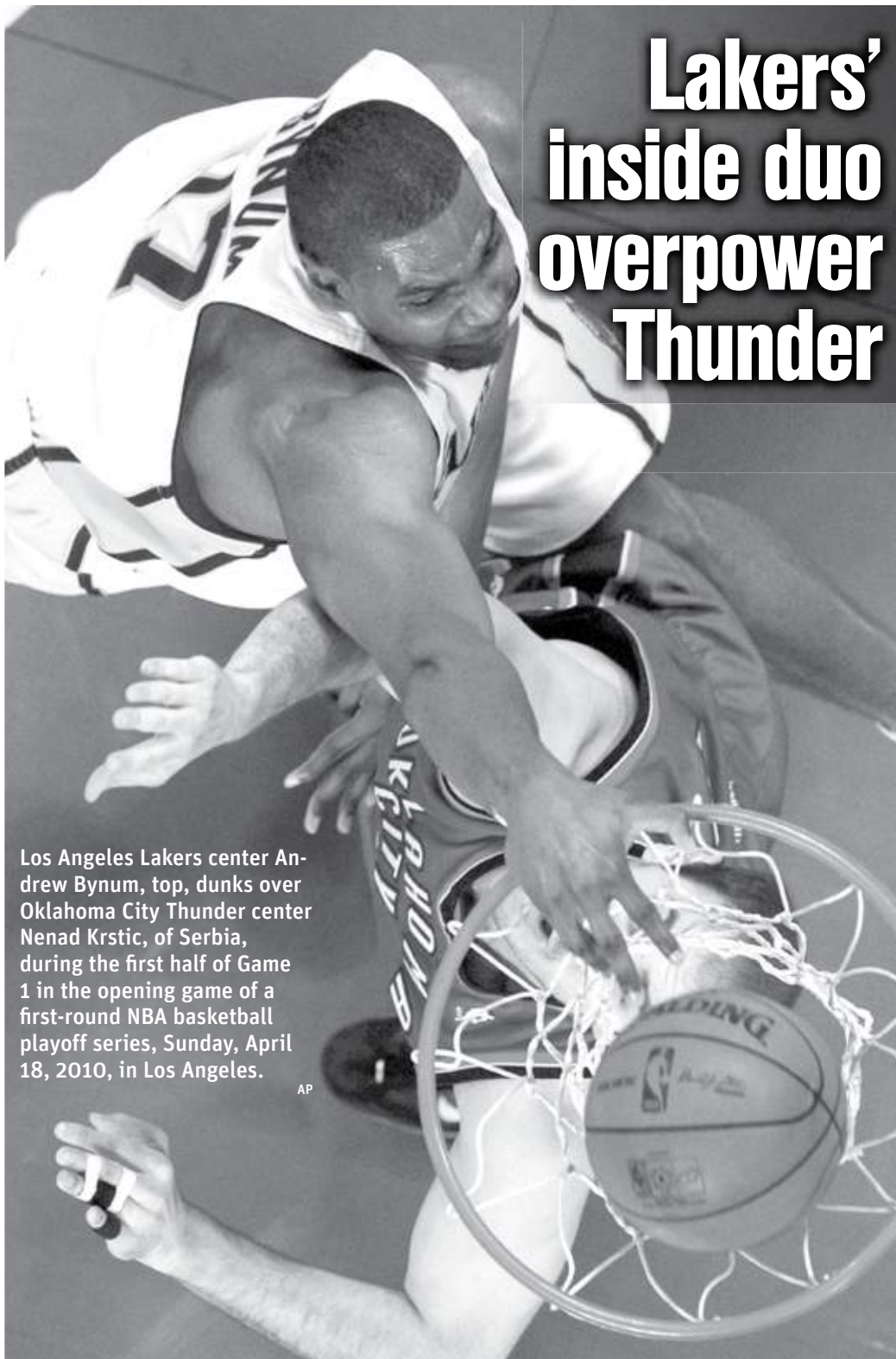
Game 2 in the best-of-7 series is Tuesday at Staples Center.

History is on the Lakers' side against the NBA's youngest team, with an average age of 25 years and 42 days. When coach Phil Jackson wins Game 1 of any series, his teams are 45-0. That includes a 24-0 mark with Chicago and 23-0 with the Lakers.

The Lakers came out blazing against the overwhelmed Thunder, pounding the ball inside to Bynum and Gasol while shooting 54 percent and taking a 27-13 lead in the first quarter.

In the playoffs for the first time since moving from Seattle two years ago, the Thunder shot 26 percent, leading to their fewest points in an opening period all season.

Oklahoma City settled down the rest of the way, but never got closer than six points against the



Los Angeles Lakers center Andrew Bynum, top, dunks over Oklahoma City Thunder center Nenad Krstic, of Serbia, during the first half of Game 1 in the opening game of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Sunday, April 18, 2010, in Los Angeles.

AP

defending champions, who are seeking a third straight trip to the NBA finals.

With Bryant, Gasol, Derek Fisher and Ron Artest on the

bench to start the fourth, Jordan Farmar scored the Lakers' first five points despite a strained left hamstring to stretch a six-point lead to 11.

Bryant and Lamar Odom hit consecutive 3-pointers, extending the lead the Lakers held the entire game to 77-66.

A pair of free throws by Du-

rant got the Thunder to 79-73 with 3 1/2 minutes remaining. They never got any closer. Fisher hit a 3-pointer that pushed the Lakers' lead to 84-74 before Bryant picked up his fifth foul.

Westbrook carried the Thunder early in the third, and Durant scored their final five points to leave them trailing 64-56 going into the final 12 minutes. Fisher, Artest and Odom were in foul trouble and Bryant scored a single point on a free throw as they played to a draw in the third.

The Thunder outscored the Lakers 26-20 in the second quarter, when Los Angeles got away from the inside game of Bynum and Gasol and settled for jump shots instead. Their 17-point lead dwindled to 47-39 at the break.

Westbrook scored the Thunder's final eight points of the half and their first two of the third, drawing them within six.

### Magic 98, Bobcats 89

At Orlando, Florida, Jameer Nelson scored 24 of his 32 points in the first half as Orlando nearly blew a 22-point lead before beating Charlotte in Game 1.

Rashard Lewis added 19 points, and Dwight Howard had nine blocks but was limited offensively and in foul trouble for most of the second half.

Gerald Wallace had 25 points, and Stephen Jackson played through a hyperextended left knee to finish with 18 points in the Bobcats' first playoff game in franchise history.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night in Orlando.

Charlotte swarmed and slapped Howard on every opportunity near the rim to frustrate the Magic's All-Star center. Howard had five points and seven rebounds, and was 1 for 6 on free throws.

### Mavericks 100, Spurs 94

At Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki opened the playoffs made 12 of 14 shots and scored 36 points to lead Dallas over San Antonio in their playoffs opener.

The Spurs did a good job of slowing Nowitzki in the first round last year, usually by swarming him with two and sometimes three defenders. They went with only one most of this game and paid the price.

Caron Butler scored 22 points and Brendan Haywood added 10 in their playoff debut for Dallas. Both were part of a major trade in February that turned a good Mavericks team into a much better one. They came into the playoffs having won eight of 10 and five straight.

Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker all looked in prime playoff form—but didn't get much help. Duncan had 27 points and eight rebounds, Ginobili scored 26 and Parker had 18 points and four assists. George Hill started at point guard, but was scoreless with two turnovers in 18 minutes.

### Trail Blazers 105, Suns 100

At Phoenix, Andre Miller scored 15 points in the fourth quarter and equaled his career playoff high with 31 points as the short-handed Portland beat Phoenix.

Methodical Portland was a tough matchup for the Suns all season and it was no different in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series, despite the absence of the Blazers' scoring leader, Brandon Roy.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 22 points and Nicolas Batum 18 for Portland. Jerryd Bayless also had 18 for the Blazers, 10 in the fourth quarter, but missed two free throws with 12.2 seconds left to give Phoenix a shot to tie. Steve Nash's 3-point try was well short, though, and Miller's two free throws iced the victory.

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Already despised and cast as a villain in Cleveland, Bulls center Joakim Noah may now be Public Enemy No. 1 in Boston.

With a day off to recuperate after guarding Cavaliers behemoth big man Shaquille O'Neal, Noah decided to take a shot at Kevin Garnett, calling the Celtics forward "a dirty player" for throwing an elbow at Miami's Quentin Richardson in their NBA playoff opener.

Garnett connected with an elbow to Richardson's face during a sideline skirmish in the final minute of Boston's Game 1 win on Saturday night. Garnett, who was called for two technicals and ejected, was suspended for Tuesday's Game 2 without pay.

Before the suspension was announced, Noah said Garnett deserves whatever punishment is coming.

"I'm going to say it: He's a dirty player," Noah said Sunday after he and his Chicago teammates practiced at Quicken Loans Arena in preparation for Monday's Game 2 against the Cavaliers. "He's always swinging elbows, man. I'm hurting right now because of an elbow he threw. It's unbelievable. He's a dirty player. It's one thing to be competitive and compete and all that.

## Bulls' Noah on Garnett: 'He's a dirty player'

"But don't be a dirty player, man. He's a dirty player."

Richardson was walking over toward fallen Celtics forward Paul Pierce, who had gone down near Miami's bench, when he got bumped by Garnett. The two exchanged words before others joined in and TV replays showed Garnett landing an elbow to Richardson's chin as players from both teams pushed and shoved.

Noah's opinion was that Garnett intended to strike Richardson.

"He knows what he's doing," Noah said. "It's messed up. It's wrong. It's not right. I shouldn't even be talking about this stuff. It's crazy."

Noah's pointed criticism of Garnett made their way to Boston coach Doc Rivers, who was amused by the timing of the remarks.

"Noah?" Rivers said. "Noah's in this series now? Well, I have no comment. If Noah had said that last year (when the Bulls played the Celtics in the playoffs) I would have had a comment, but since he's in Cleveland and dealing with that, I think I'm just going to let him focus on Shaq and that group right now."

The Cavs have had their own run-ins with Garnett and the Celtics in the past. Earlier this month, LeBron James and Garnett got into a heated exchange in the closing minutes.

James, though, refused to double team Garnett on Sunday.

"I've never called him a dirty player," James said. "I can only speak for myself."

The Bulls were in a playful mood as they regrouped following their 96-83 loss to the Cavaliers, whose interior size and cache of offensive weapons around James wore down Chicago in the best-of-seven series opener.

The Cavs were bolstered by the return of O'Neal, who missed Cleveland's final 23 regular-season games after tearing a thumb ligament but came back 20 pounds lighter and focused on winning his fifth title. O'Neal only scored 12 points, but he was a factor at both ends.

O'Neal got Noah into early foul trouble and Bulls backup center Brad Miller had a tough time too, getting dropped twice as O'Neal bulled his way to the hoop. After one encounter, Miller had to go to the locker room to

clean up a bloody lip.

"It's not the first one I've gotten from him," said Miller, who has battled O'Neal for 12 years and has the scars to prove it. "He's still Shaq, but I tell all these guys all the time, you should have seen what he was like a few years ago. Every possession underneath, it was bang, bang."

Noah had an ice bag strapped to his back after practice, an injury he blamed on Garnett but one that's unlikely to improve much against the massive O'Neal, who made Noah look silly with a baseline spin move and dunk. O'Neal looked fresh after missing 23 games.

"Hopefully he wears himself down. He's tough, man," said Noah, admitting there's a physical toll to be paid when O'Neal is your assignment. "It's as hard as it looks."

Noah mimicked Chicago coach Vinny Del Negro's assertion that the Bulls have to do a better job rebounding. The Cavs had a 50-38 advantage and got 13 offensive boards, leading to easy baskets and extra possessions.

"It was a great learning experience for us, and this team has a good vibe,"

Noah said. "They are a very good team. But we want to come out and hopefully get a win on Monday."

The Bulls and Cavaliers didn't exchange any flagrant elbows, but there was plenty of other extracurricular activities in Game 1.

Miller and James got technicals after a hard foul. James jawed with Luol Deng and Noah was booed every time he touched the ball by Cleveland fans, who didn't appreciate him challenging James earlier this season for dancing on the sideline during a game. Then, as the playoffs approached, Noah proclaimed the Bulls were "going to try to shock the world" against the heavily favored Cavs.

Noah doesn't seem to mind being targeted by angry Cavs fans. They don't like him, and the feeling appears mutual.

His comments about Garnett could have helped soften his image and endear him to some Clevelanders, but then he decided to throw an elbow at their city.

"I don't know about Cleveland, man, there's nothing going on," Noah said when asked how he might spend the remainder of a chilly, cloudy day downtown. "It's bad."



# Davis' penalty leads to Furyk win

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.** (AP)—Brian Davis couldn't deny what he saw and knew he was honor-bound to tell the world.

Davis ticked a loose reed during his backswing Sunday on the first playoff hole, calling a two-stroke penalty on himself that gave Jim Furyk a victory at the Verizon Heritage.

"It's just awkward to see it happen at such a key moment in the golf tournament," Furyk said. "Awkward for him to lose that way, and a little awkward for me to win."

Davis immediately asked for PGA Tour tournament director Slugger White and shared what he saw on the shot. White consulted with officials who checked TV replays and confirmed Davis' worst fear: His violation cost him a chance at his first PGA Tour victory.

What Davis lost on the course will be regained in his reputation for his honorable act, White said.

"That will come back to him spades, tenfold," White said.

That was little consolation for Davis, who rolled in a clutch 18-footer for birdie on his final regulation hole to catch Furyk and force overtime.

Davis' troubles began with his approach, a wayward 7-iron that hit the left edge of the green, rattled off the rocks boarding Calibogue Sound and settled among some grass, twigs and reeds.

Davis' error, a violation of rule 13.4 against moving a loose impediment during a takeaway, was indiscernible but for slow motion replays.

"It was one of those things I thought I saw movement out of the corner of my eye. And I thought we'd check on TV, and indeed there was movement," Davis said.

He immediately conceded victory to Furyk, who putted out for his 15th PGA Tour win and second since March.

Furyk didn't know what to do at first. He raised his putter and tipped his cap to the cheering and confused crowd, then embraced his children who ran to meet their championship dad.

"I want to react to the crowd and kind of wave and let them know, that 'Hey, I'm excited,'" Furyk said. "But I don't want it to take away from Brian."

Furyk earned \$1,026,000 million, finally tasting victory at Harbour Town after posting two seconds and a fourth since 2005.

Davis earned \$615,000 for his fourth second-place finish on the PGA Tour.

"To have the tournament come down that way is definitely not the way I wanted to win," Furyk said. "It's obviously a tough loss for him and I respect and admire what he did."

Davis nearly won in regulation, his approach to his final hole scaring the cup before settling 18 feet away. His birdie putt had just enough steam to drop in and keep hope of a breakthrough win alive.

Moments later, the playoff was done with Davis' self-imposed violation, something inconceivable in most other sports, where competitors take pride in getting every edge they can.

"He's class, first class," White said.

Davis held a one-shot lead over Fu-



AP  
Jim Furyk holds the trophy on the 18th green after his playoff win at the Verizon Heritage golf tournament, Sunday, April 18, 2010, in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

ryk with four holes left when things began to go wrong. Davis had back-to-back bogeys on the 15th and 16th holes to slip behind the ultra-steady Furyk.

Davis shot a 68 and, like Furyk, ended with four rounds in the 60s.

Bo Van Pelt (69) and Luke Donald (70) were two shots further back in third.

Camilo Villegas (70) headed a group another stroke behind.

The final round wasn't nearly as crazy as the third - Furyk still had the lead when he teed off on No. 1 unlike Saturday. Still, the charge was on to go as low as possible and take control.

Heath Slocum, two behind at the start, had birdies on the second, fourth and six holes to catch Furyk.

Former champion Aaron Baddeley tied Furyk at 11 under. But a triple-bogey 7 on No. 8—Baddeley drove out of bounds—ended his chance of a second title.

By the middle of the back nine, it was down to Furyk and Davis.

Furyk missed a 15-foot par putt on the 10th to drop into a tie with Davis, his playing partner.

The world's sixth-ranked player moved back in front two holes later with 5-footer for birdie. However, Davis caught him once more on the 13th hole after making a 12-foot birdie putt and Furyk failing to convert one from half that distance.

Davis moved in front on the par-3 14th when Furyk landed over the green, chipped 12 feet past the cup and was short on his attempt at par.

But things were again tied a hole later, as Davis didn't make a 6-foot putt to save par, setting the dramatic finish.

## Teixeira homers, Pettitte pitches Yanks past Texas



**NEW YORK** (AP)—Mark Teixeira hit his first home run of the season and Ramiro Pena delivered a key single while filling in for an ailing Derek Jeter as the New York Yankees beat the Texas Rangers 5-2 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

Andy Pettitte (2-0) allowed four hits over eight innings as the Yankees won their fourth in a row, taking advantage of a wild Rich Harden (0-1) to hand Texas its fourth straight loss.

A notoriously slow starter, Teixeira hit a most-overdue homer. He shared the AL lead last year at 39 with Tampa Bay's Carlos Pena.

### Rays 7, Red Sox 1

At Boston, Matt Garza pitched shut-out ball for eight innings, and Carlos Pena and B.J. Upton each hit two-run homers as Tampa Bay continued its hot road start.

Tampa Bay is unbeaten away from Tropicana Field, winning six straight on the road during the current 10-game trip. The club record for consecutive road victories in a season is seven.

### Royals 10, Twins 5

At Minneapolis, Alberto Callaspo had two home runs and a career-high six RBIs as Kansas City finally built a lead big enough for its struggling bullpen to preserve.

Josh Rupe struck out Jim Thome

with the bases loaded and two outs in the seventh to preserve a two-run lead, and reliever Jesse Crain served up Callaspo's second three-run homer of the game in the ninth to put the game out of reach.

### Indians 7, White Sox 4

At Cleveland, Choo Shin-soo hit a grand slam and drove in five runs to lead Cleveland to its first three-game home sweep of Chicago since May 2003.

Choo went 2 for 3 with a walk, hitting his second career slam in the second inning off Gavin Floyd (0-2). His first grand slam came against Boston's Josh Beckett on Aug. 3, 2006.

### Orioles 8, Athletics 3

At Oakland, California, Ty Wiggin-ton homered and drove in four runs to help Baltimore snap a nine-game skid and spoil Brett Anderson's first outing since receiving a hefty new contract.

The Orioles avoided their first four-game sweep in Oakland since Aug. 23-26, 2004, jumping on Anderson (1-1) two days after the A's gave the pitcher a \$12.5 million, four-year contract.

### Angels 3, Blue Jays 1

At Toronto, Ervin Santana came within one strike of a shutout as the Los Angeles Angels completed a three-game sweep, making them 6-7 after opening the season with six losses in eight games.

Hideki Matsui had a pair of doubles and an RBI for Los Angeles, while Santana (1-2) set down 17 in a row before Adam Lind homered to right on a 3-2 pitch with two outs in the ninth.

### Tigers 4, Mariners 2

At Seattle, young right-hander Max Scherzer pitched six solid innings, Miguel Cabrera hit a three-run homer into the second deck as Detroit avoided a three-game sweep.

Scherzer (1-1), the Tigers' 25-year-old starter, gave up just a pair of runs and scattered six hits as the Tigers stopped Seattle's four-game win streak.

### Braves 4, Rockies 3

At Atlanta, rookie Jason Heyward hit a two-run single with the bases loaded and two outs in the ninth inning to lift the Atlanta Braves to a comeback win over the Colorado Rockies.

The Braves rallied in the ninth off Rockies fill-in closer Franklin Morales (0-1), who loaded the bases by giving up a single and two walks.

### Dodgers 2, Giants 1

At Los Angeles, Manny Ramirez hit a two-run, pinch-hit home run in the eighth inning for career homer No. 548 as Los Angeles beat San Francisco.

Ramirez, who didn't start for the second straight day because of tightness in his right calf, drove a 1-2 pitch from right-hander Sergio Romo (0-1)

into the left field pavilion with one out after Barry Zito walked pinch-hitter Garret Anderson.

### Marlins 2, Phillies 0

At Philadelphia, Nate Robertson out-pitched Cole Hamels into the seventh inning and Dan Uggla drove in both runs with a homer and a double as Florida earned a second straight win over Philadelphia.

Making his third start for Florida, Robertson (2-0) weaved in and out of trouble, striking out four and walking four in 6 1-3 innings. Florida took two out of three in Philadelphia.

### Pirates 5, Reds 3

At Pittsburgh, Paul Maholm allowed just four hits into the seventh inning and Jason Jaramillo had a three-run double as Pittsburgh completed a three-game sweep.

Jay Bruce hit his first two homers of the season, solo shots in the fifth off Maholm (1-1) and the ninth off Octavio Dotel, but the Reds lost their fifth in a row.

### Astros 3, Cubs 2, 10 innings

At Chicago, Pedro Feliz hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the 10th inning after Geoff Blum tied it with an RBI double in the ninth as Houston rallied to beat Chicago.

Tim Lincecum (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth as Houston won its first se-

ries since taking two out of three from Pittsburgh Sept. 11-13, 2009.

### Brewers 11, Nationals 7

At Washington, Craig Counsell's grand slam highlighted a 10-run first inning as Milwaukee held on and avoided a three-game sweep.

Jason Marquis (0-3, 20.52 ERA) faced seven batters, and all reached base: four singles, two hit batters, one walk. Reliever Miguel Batista served up Counsell's first homer of the season.

### Padres 5, Diamondbacks 3

At San Diego, Chase Headley hit a go-ahead, two-run double with two outs in the seventh as San Diego rallied for five runs complete their first sweep of the season.

It was Arizona's season-high fourth straight loss.

The Padres tied the game at 2 in the seventh thanks to the Hairston brothers. Scott Hairston greeted reliever Aaron Heilman (0-1) with a leadoff homer to left and older brother Jerry Jr. doubled over left fielder Conor Jackson's head to bring in Everth Cabrera, who singled with two outs and stole second.


### Cardinals 5, Mets 3

At St. Louis, Adam Wainwright threw a four-hitter with nine strikeouts and scored on Ryan Ludwick's tiebreaking two-run homer in the eighth inning to lead St. Louis past New York.

Colby Rasmus snapped an 0-for-18 slump with a tying three-run homer in the fifth for the Cardinals.



# Mei tops Mother's Day qualifier

 Mei Rengiil came out of the loser's bracket last Thursday to take the seventh slot in USS Peleliu Club's Mother's Day 8-Ball Tournament.

Qualifying tournaments are held every Thursday and Sunday, with the 13 winners and three runners-up with the most points earning slots in the May 9 championship.

There is no entry fee. First place is good for \$100, with \$50 for second. There will also be trophies courtesy of Pacific Amusement and in-house prizes.

Rengiil lost to Simeon Kapileo in the winner's bracket final, then eliminated Erina Olkeriil and took two close games from Kapileo to win the qualifier.

Olkeriil moved into the lead for one of the three "open" slots by defeating Mary Roppul and taking third place. Kapileo is tied with her, with Chester Cuento one point behind.



Taylor Watanabe defeated Edward Suzuki in a best three-out-of-five showdown before the qualifying tournament to win a USSP T-shirt. Suzuki was due to come back Sunday night to face Rengiil for another shot at a T-shirt.

Larry Briones, Nolan Cultura, Brian Nelvis, and Rick Rengiil have also al-

ready won qualifying tournaments.

Sign-up begins at 7:30pm for the free Thursday and Sunday tournaments. All games are double-elimination, following Billiard Congress of America rules.

For more information, contact USSP owners Rose or Ken Phillips at 233-1984. **(USSP)**

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nings, but then the Lions tacked on two runs in third, three runs in the fourth, and then busted it open with a big six-run fifth inning to dominated IT&E.

IT&E could not get the bats swinging as Lions pitcher Elias Malite completed the game with 11 dominating

strikeouts; only one runner made it to third base marking a solid effort both on the mound and out in the field by the Lions pitching and defense.

### Twins 10, Hustlers 4

The Twins jumped ahead early, scoring five runs in the first inning, followed by three runs in the second inning and two more runs in the third.

Although the Twins were held score-

less for the last two innings, they still managed to hold off the Hustlers, allowing only one run in the final inning after giving up three runs in the first inning to start the game.

The Twins' offense received some early help from a few costly defensive errors during the first two innings of the game. After breaking the ice with a three-run first inning, the Hustlers left four runners stranded for the rest of the contest.

## OPEN

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McCullough-Stearns in three sets on Saturday, 6-2, 6-7, 6-2.

The rest of the games in the round-robin tournament will be played this weekend with the team to have the best record winning the boys' 18-and-under title.

The girls' 18-and-under doubles also had only four teams in the tandems of Theecel and Thea Minor, Amie Arenovski and Ilia Corella, Lila Mailman and Jodel Fernandez, and Negahr Rastguiy and Mikayla Lopez.

The Minor siblings drew first blood in the round-robin tournament with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Arenovski and Corella. Mailman and Ferndandez, two

18-and-under players, edged the diminutive tandem of 14-and-under netters Rastguiy and Lopez, 6-2, 6-3.

Four more games in the girls' 18-and-under doubles will be played next weekend.

In the girls' 12-and-under doubles, Emily Jones and Adele Hudkins scored twin wins after shutting out Mimi Sakano and Malika Miyawaki on Saturday, 6-0, 6-0, and downing Isabel Heras and Carol Lee on Sunday, 6-3, 6-4.

Lee and Heras had a 1-1 record after the first week of the round-robin tournament, as they won their first match on Saturday against the duo of Lucy Park and Gabrielle Race, 6-3, 7-5.

Meanwhile, only the boys' 12-and-under doubles used an 8-team draw format in the tournament with Chris Cajigan and Quintin Ramsey drawing a bye and auto-

matically advancing to the semifinals.

Also making it to the semis were the pairs of Tommy Choi and Kennedy Izuka and Carl Dela Cruz and Colin Ramsey. Choi and Izuka won over Michael Ren and Moris Villanuevam, 6-1, 6-2, while Dela Cruz and Colin Ramsey prevailed over Michael Jones and Luther Lizama, 6-0, 6-2.

Clayton Izuka and Alex Park duelled Dylan Ackerman and Aaron Lee for the last semis seat on Sunday. They split the first two sets and results of the deciding third set were unavailable at press time. The winner of the three-set match will face Cajigan and Quintin Ramsey in the semis this weekend.

The semifinals games in the singles competitions in the 10-and-under, 14-and-under, and 18-and-under age groups will also be played this weekend.

Jesse Seman and Carl Hocog joined the second qualifier, but missed the first one. Hocog had a 92 on Saturday, while Seman tallied an 85. Jordon Kosam competed in the first qualifier with his 88, but was absent in the second one.

Meanwhile, organizers of the Pacific Games trials have announced the pairings for the third qualifier on May 24 on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Group 1 is composed of Hocog, Kosam, Saurez, and Rick Kautz; Group 2 has Yumul, Jang, Balakrishna, and Seman; Group 3 has Hard-

wicke, Taguchi, Wabol, and Satur; and Group 4 has Olopai, Manibusan, Taylor, and Sablan.

Golfers wishing to join the third qualifier must inform organizers before the event at the Kagman facility for the pairings.

Organizers are also reminding participants to come on time. Check-in time for the May 24 qualifier is at 11am, while tee time is at 12pm. If a golfer misses the tee time, he will automatically be disqualified for that round.

For more information, call Wabol at 288-1129, Manibusan at 235-6520, Taylor at 483-2513, or Kosam at 483-4506.

tively, for Aqua Resort.

Oliver Tiamzon was only the other double-figure scorer for Hard Rock with 12 markers. Hard Rock dropped to a 1-10 slate, failing to notch back-to-back wins after breaking it to the win column last week with a 76-69 triumph over Cellular Pro.

### SGH/Docomo 74, Cellular Pro 71

In the first game, Saipan Grand Hotel/Docomo gained its second win in 12

matches after slipping past Cellular Pro, 74-71.

SGH/Docomo earned a living from the foul line in the fourth quarter to foil Cell Pro's repeated comeback bids.

The winning team trooped to the 15-foot line 16 times in the fourth quarter and canned nine free throws. Marlon Sison was 4-for-4, James Villacrusis hit 4-for-5, and Lee went 1-for-3. Cell Pro stepped to the stripe only four times in the fourth quarter and sank three charities.

SGH/Docomo led since the start of

# UBA Youth Basketball League starts in May

The 2010 UBA Youth Basketball League will tentatively kick off in May, according to the organizing Unified Basketball Association.

The upcoming youth league will have two age divisions—15 years and under and 18 years and under.

A 20-and-under division will also be starting sometime this summer as an open division.

Each team roster can have a maximum of 12 players with a maximum of 10 teams per division. For all interested teams and/or participants, there will be a meeting tomorrow, April 21, starting 6pm at the Garapan Basketball Court.

For more information, contact UBA president James Le, at 989-8221 (UAB1). **(Walter J. Sutherland)**



## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	3	.750	—
Tampa Bay	9	3	.750	—
Toronto	7	6	.538	2 1/2
Boston	4	8	.333	5
Baltimore	2	11	.154	7 1/2

##### Central Division

Minnesota	9	4	.692	—
Detroit	7	5	.583	1 1/2
Cleveland	6	6	.500	2 1/2
Kansas City	5	7	.417	3 1/2
Chicago	4	9	.308	5

##### West Division

Oakland	9	5	.643	—
Los Angeles	6	7	.462	2 1/2
Seattle	6	7	.462	2 1/2
Texas	5	7	.417	3

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

Philadelphia	8	4	.667	—
Florida	8	5	.615	1/2
Atlanta	7	5	.583	1
Washington	6	6	.500	2
New York	4	8	.333	4

##### Central Division

St. Louis	8	4	.667	—
Pittsburgh	7	5	.583	1
Chicago	5	7	.417	3
Milwaukee	5	7	.417	3
Cincinnati	5	8	.385	3 1/2
Houston	3	9	.250	5

##### West Division

San Francisco	8	4	.667	—
Colorado	6	6	.500	2
Los Angeles	6	6	.500	2
San Diego	6	6	.500	2
Arizona	5	7	.417	3

#### Yesterday's Games

Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 3	
Atlanta 4, Colorado 3	
Florida 2, Philadelphia 0	
Milwaukee 11, Washington 7	
Houston 3, Chicago Cubs 2, 10 innings	
San Diego 5, Arizona 3	
L.A. Dodgers 2, San Francisco 1	
St. Louis 5, N.Y. Mets 3	
Cleveland 7, Chicago White Sox 4	
N.Y. Yankees 5, Texas 2	
L.A. Angels 3, Toronto 1	
Tampa Bay 7, Boston 1	
Kansas City 10, Minnesota 5	
Baltimore 8, Oakland 3	
Detroit 4, Seattle 2	

### VERIZON HERITAGE SCORES

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina (AP)**—Final scores Sunday at the Verizon Heritage, a \$5.7 million PGA Tour event played at the par-71, 6,973-yard Harbour Town Golf Links (a-amateur; x-won first hole of playoff):

#### FINAL ROUND

x-Jim Furyk (500), \$1,026,000	67-68-67-69—271
Brian Davis (300), \$615,600	68-69-66-68—271
Bo Van Pelt (163), \$330,600	67-72-66-69—274
Luke Donald (163), \$330,600	69-68-67-70—274
Kris Blankens (100), \$208,050	70-68-69-68—275
Camilo Villegas (100), \$208,050	70-68-67-70—275
Ricky Barnes (100), \$208,050	69-69-66-71—275
Stuart Appleby (78), \$159,600	69-67-73-67—276
Rickie Fowler (78), \$159,600	68-72-69-67—276
Nick O'Hern (78), \$159,600	69-72-64-71—276

### LOCAL SCORES

#### SHIRLEY'S STANDINGS

Aqua Resort	10	2
MBI	9	2
World Resort	9	3
Mobil	9	3
TBK	8	4
Fiesta Resort	8	4
Pacific Islands Club	6	5
Bank of Guam	5	5
McGraw-Hill	5	5
Shirley's	5	7
AON/NJ Plus	4	6
Pepsi	3	6
Docomo/SGH	2	10
Hard Rock	1	10
Cell Pro	0	12

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-15, 36-35, 52-49, 74-71.

### Second Game

**Aqua Resort Club 98** – Lizama 36, Torres 20, Aquino 14, Mina 10, Gapor 8, Mc. Achas 6, Johaness 2, Acosta 2.

**Hard Rock 79** – Tengco 33, Tiamzon 12, Paraiso 8, Nunag 6, Sales 6, Besmonte 4, Sablan 4, Mendoza 4, Aranda 2, Mabutas 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 20-17, 51-32, 73-53, 98-79.

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collected seven more points in the final quarter and Aqua Resort comfortably pulled up for several outside shots, converting four triples in the payoff canto.

Lizama finished with a game-high 36 points, three more than Jomar Tengco's 33 for Hard Rock. Jaymar Torres added 20, while Glenn Aquino and Jessie Mina finished with 14 and 10, respec-



# Tsunami Saipan Swimmers at Japan Sprints

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Angel Marie Tan waits for the start of the preliminary swim in the 50m breaststroke.



Angel Marie Tan gets ready to jump into the pool for the 50m butterfly event.



Angel De Jesus waits for the preliminary heat race in the 50m freestyle swim.



Angel De Jesus plunges into the pool during the 50m butterfly swim.



Kaito Yanai is one Lane 4 and prepares to plunge into the pool during the 50m butterfly preliminary swim.



Kensuke Kimura heads to the starting block for the 50m breaststroke event.



Ryosei Toda looks at his time on the video after the 50m breaststroke swim.



Kensuke Kimura positions himself for the 50m backstroke swim.



From left, Ryosei Toda, Kaito Yanai, and Kensuke Kimura pose for a group photo during a break in the 2010 Tokyo Junior Sprint at the Tatsumi International Swimming Stadium.



Kaito Yanai is shown in the video accepting a gold medal.





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## Ol'Aces remain undefeated in Majors

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REPORTER

Happy Market Ol'Aces remained undefeated in the Majors Division of the 2010 Saipan Little League Baseball Association after edging Tanapag Braves, 10-9, Sunday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

Both teams put on one run in the top and bottom halves of the first inning. Then in the bottom of the second inning, the Braves jumped ahead to an early lead making the score 5-3 after two innings.

However, the third and fourth innings belonged to Ol'Aces as they added three runs in each inning making the score 9-6 at that point.

In the fifth inning, Ol'Aces brought in relief pitcher Michael Muna to shut out the Braves, while Ol'Aces added yet another run to bring the score to 10-6.

In the sixth and final inning, Ol'Aces almost let the Braves back in the game by committing three fielding errors and allowing two runs to come in before Muna finally got his sixth strikeout to save the game.

The win was the ninth in as many games for Ol'Aces, while loss dropped the Braves to a 6-2 win-loss record.



### Lions 11, IT&E 0

Visiting IT&E pitcher Marty Ogar struck out five batters to hold the Lions scoreless for the first two in-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Happy Market Ol'Aces pitcher Jesse Brel in action in this file photo. Ol'Aces remained the cream of the crop in the Majors Division following their 10-9 nipping of the Tanapag Braves last Sunday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

## Aqua Resort crushes Hard Rock

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
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REPORTER

Aqua Resort Club claimed the solo lead in the 2nd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League, following a 98-79 rout of Hard Rock Café on Sunday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

The victory was Aqua Resort's 10 in 12 games, one win ahead of second placer and defending champion Micronesians Brokers, Inc./Dial Full Force (9-2).

Aqua Resort started slow, leading by only three after the first quarter, 20-17, before Pedro Lizama led

a breakaway in the second canto to take a 51-31 halftime

lead. Lizama exploded for 17 points in the second period, as he outscored the entire Hard Rock crew, who totaled only 14 points in that quarter.

In cruise control for Aqua Resort from then on, as Hard Rock failed to cut the lead to single digits in the last two quarters. The third period ended with Aqua Resort still on top by 20, 73-53, with Lizama adding eight more points.

In the fourth canto, Aqua Resort continued to toy around with Hard Rock's defense—or the lack of it—with Lizama making fancy moves and passes. Lizama

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Aqua Resort Club's Pedro Lizama pulls up for a shot against Hard Rock Café's Jomar Tengco during their game in the Shirley's caging on Sunday at the JP Center Basketball Court.



## Open race for doubles titles

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The 2010 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships had doubles competitions in only two age groups, creating an open race for the 14-and-under and 18-and-under crowns.

In the boys' 18-and-under, four pairs are slugging it out in a round-robin tournament.

Included on the list are the teams of Jake Lee and Nathan Nutting, Angelo Jones and Lucas Nutting, and Daniel Park

Adele Hudkins makes a return near the net to Carol Lee and Isabel Heras, while teammate Emily Jones stays at the backline during their girls' 12-and-under doubles match in the 2010 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships on Sunday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

and Christian Miller, who all won their debut games played over the weekend.

Lee and Nathan Nutting prevailed over Sakiko Eda and

Amami Sakano on Saturday at the American Memorial Park tennis court, 6-2, 6-3. Still at AMP, Miller and Park handed Eda and Sakano another loss with a 6-1, 6-2 triumph on Sunday.

Over at the Pacific Islands Club tennis court, Jones and Lucas Nutting slipped past Sung Hoon Ham and Clay

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## Olopai tops second Pacific Games qualifier

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Golf Links on Saturday.

Olopai, who missed the first qualifier, showed up for the second trial and brought his A game at the Talafofo facility, shooting the day's best of 1-under par 71.

In second place was former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan, who carded a 1-over par 73. Manibusan topped the first qualifier held at the Marianas Country Club a few weeks ago with his impressive 3-under par 69 for a two-round total of 142 or aver-

age of 71.2. So far, he has the best average score among golfers who completed the first two qualifiers.

Six qualifying tournaments will be played to select the five golfers who will represent the CNMI to the Pacific Games in New Caledonia in September next year. All scores in the six



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qualifying rounds will be added to determine the rankings of the qualifiers. An optional seventh round will be scheduled, too to give golfers who will miss one qualifier to make up. Pacific Games hopefuls can also use the optional round to drop their

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